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Caller plans to take the first planes out of Ben-E-Jet-ville

Just wanting to inform you of my intention to cancel my subscription to your newspaper if changes are not made in the content of your newspaper the next week.

I was disappointed and concerned to read the vulgarity allowed in the Benny and the Jets column.

If, as your name implies, this is truly a community paper, you will cancel this segment and not allow such a negative commentator in the newspaper.

Please print a newspaper all can be proud of. Otherwise, I'll be canceling my Westland Eagle subscription the following week and informing all my neighbors to do the same.

Unfair to attribute all council members' votes to political paybacks

For pity's sake, please give the new Westland council members a break.

They all supported one candidate or another. It is unfair to assume that everything they do is for political payback.

Obviously, they have strong feelings about the worthiness of those they supported and their votes will naturally, at times, reflect that bias. Depending on whose side you were on, it can be viewed as a negative or a positive.

I think both Cicirelli and LeBlanc were excellent choices, both ran a good campaign, and both are well-liked by the community.

Richard even went so far as to write a letter after the election calling for the residents to come together in support of the new mayor and the new council. How about it folks?

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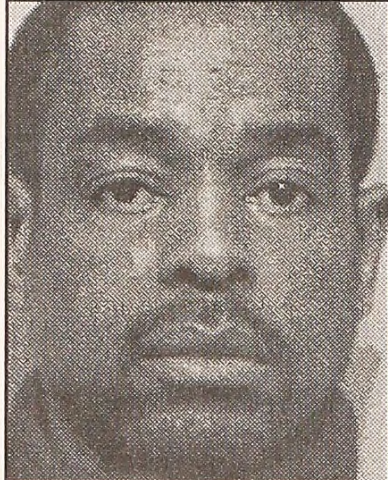
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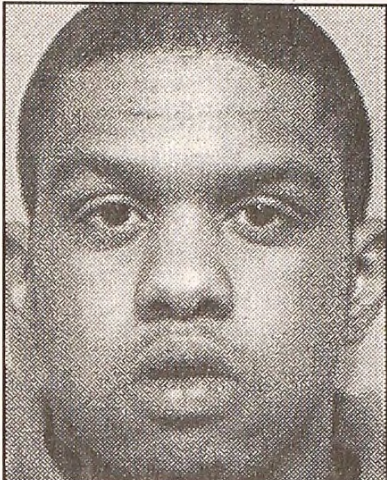
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Home invader suspects caught

Apprehended while loading car with alleged stolen goods



James Bobo



Kaiyamm Holloway

Detailed investigative skills and good detective work led to the arrests recently of two suspects wanted in connection to a series of burglaries in Romulus.

On January 2nd of this year, a black male, Kaiyamm Holloway, approached an elderly gentleman who lived alone, telling the man his puppy had gone into the homeowner's backyard. Opening the screen door, the homeowner told Holloway he could enter the backyard to retrieve his puppy, as he had no dogs back there. As the door opened the suspect pulled a mask down over his face, pulled out a revolver and ordered the elderly man into his home, where he held him at gunpoint.

Once inside, James Bobo, age 50, father of Holloway, entered the home, proceeded to tie the victim with duct tape and ordered him to lie down on the floor. Demanding his wallet, Bobo took an ATM card and told the victim to give him the PIN number to gain access to the bank account. Bobo then went to a bank on Middlebelt, used the ATM card to withdraw cash and returned to the victim's home.

Many items were then removed from the home, computer equipment, electronics, and other valuables, along with everyday items such as an electric toothbrush, and toiletries.

A second robbery involving the same two suspects occurred on January 10th. Holloway and Bobo walked into a horse barn holding a revolver ordering the victims, hus-

band, wife and three year old daughter to the ground. Bobo binds the man with duct tape, while Holloway binds the woman. Again, demanding the victim's wallet, an ATM card is taken and PIN number obtained. Upon learning at the bank that the victim gave him a wrong PIN number, Bobo returns to the scene threatening to kill the three-year-old girl if the correct number is not given.

Holloway holding the revolver to the child's head at times, waving the gun around accidentally fires a round when he startled by a horse. Fright-

ened and worried about his child, the victim gives Bobo the correct ATM number.

After returning to the bank and taking money from the account, Bobo and Holloway empty the house of valuables, also taking children's clothing, a piggy bank and horse leads from the barn.

Romulus police began an investigation, working together with the State Police in Northville. Fingertips from latex gloves used by the suspects, broken and left behind on the duct tape were delivered to lab tech

Mary Knox, hoping to secure DNA that could be matched to the suspects when found.

James Bobo was also caught on a surveillance camera at the second bank while using the victim's ATM card to withdraw money. A photo captured Bobo trying to hide his face, and in the background the car used by Bobo, which was traced to Bobo's girlfriend.

Through a series of search warrants and investigative leads, Romulus police apprehended the two suspects in their home on Neurnberg Street in Detroit. Detectives and officers surprised James Bobo and Kaiyamm Holloway, suspects in the Romulus burglaries, at their home on January 17th. Arriving at the home in Detroit, officers found three men loading a car with what they believed to be stolen items.

Holloway took off on foot and was caught and arrested. The third man left in the vehicle being loaded and was apprehended shortly thereafter. Locking himself in the home with his three-year-old granddaughter, Bobo kept police officers at bay for nearly three hours, occasionally using the three-year-old girl as a shield to peer out.

After a cell phone conversation with a Detroit negotiator, Bobo turned himself over to the police. A

warrant was obtained allowing officers to recover quite a bit of stolen property from the home. No weapons were found. Stolen property was also found in the trunk of the car.

The suspects were taken to the 11th Precinct in Detroit and placed in temporary hold until they could be transported to Romulus.

Apparently deciding to cooperate Holloway has given a full confession to Romulus police officers. Bobo refused to give a statement.

Arrested on separate warrants for the two burglaries, Prosecuting attorney, Suzy Taweel has charged Bobo and Holloway with home invasion, first degree, felony firearm, felonious assault for the second burglary, and robbery armed. James Bobo was also charged with habitual criminal due to his extensive record involving felonies. Holloway had a previous misdemeanor charge.

Arraigned on January 19th, the suspects were remanded to Wayne County Jail without bond. A preliminary hearing was held on January 30th. Both were bound over for trial. A trial date has not yet been set.

Officers involved in the investigation were Sgts Keefer, Ondejko, Malaniak and Officers Hlinak, Mike St. Andre, Decaires, and Officer Mike Smith.

"We weren't prepared for a big standoff like that," said Sgt. Keefer in reference to the situation at the home in Detroit. "Everyone dropped what they were doing and came together as a team. It all came together like clockwork."

Suspect arrested in 1991 murder of N-west flight attendant

DNA evidence links case to murder of professor

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

Nearly eleven years to the day that Nancy Ludwig, Northwest flight attendant was raped and murdered in a Romulus hotel, Executive Lt. Dan Snyder of the Romulus Police Department has been able to call a grieving husband and tell him that his wife's killer has been caught.

Working together with officers from the Flint Violent Crimes Task Force, and the Michigan State Police, Jeffrey W. Gorton, 39, of Vienna Township in Genesee County, was arrested and arraigned Saturday on charges of open murder, CSC1 (Criminal sexual conduct-first degree), armed robbery and burglary in the case of a Flint University of Michigan professor who was raped and murdered in 1986. In solving the murder of Margarette Eby, investigators believe that DNA will also show Gorton raped and murdered Ludwig in 1991.

Investigators believe they have matched the DNA evidence from both crime scenes, semen taken from the bodies, and by matching fingerprints taken from one crime scene to those in an FBI database.

Executive Lt. Dan Snyder and Detective Sgt. Malaniak of the Special In-

Complete cooperative effort on behalf of all departments and this department was involved over the eleven years of this case.
An awful lot of people did an awful lot of work.

vestigations Unit of the Romulus Police Department traveled to Flint Thursday and Friday of last week, executing four search warrants Friday evening, Snyder and Malaniak gathered more evidence in connection to the murder of Ludwig at the Hilton Airport Inn in Romulus.

Snyder will present his case against Gorton to the Wayne County Prosecutor by the end of next week, at which time he will obtain a warrant and have Gorton brought to Romulus to be arraigned in the 34th District Court.

Snyder praised the work of the many police units involved in solving two murders over a decade old; "Complete cooperative effort on behalf of all departments and this department was involved over the eleven years of this case. An awful lot of people did an awful lot of work."



With honoree, U.S. Congressman John Dingell (right) are U.S. Congressman Sandra Levin (left), Northwest Airlines VP Jim Greenwald, and County Executive Ed McNamara.

South entrance tagged "Dingell Dr."

Leaders attend Monday dedication

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

Many area leaders gathered for a special Metro Airport South Entrance dedication on Monday, February 11th. He new south entrance comes from Eureka Road and heads northeast and will be named John Dingell Drive in honor of Michigan Congressman John Dingell (D-Trenton).

Dingell has served in his office since 1955 and has the longest office tenure in the history of the House of Representatives. He was instrumental in procuring thousands of dollars in federal funds to help build the recent airport projects.

County Executive Ed McNamara

introduced Dingell and thanked him for his generous support over the years.

The new \$144 million Dingell Drive was constructed in four different phases. The first stage included the Eureka Road interchange and went under an east-west runway and was completed in 1993.

The second phase went up to the new \$1.2 billion Ed McNamara Terminal and was completed in 1997.

The third stage went under another east-west runway and was completed in 1999, and the final stage which connects to the Rogalle Drive, has just recently been completed.

One of the biggest engineering feats was construction of the 900 foot

tunnels going underneath the two east-west runways while keeping the runways open for service at the same time.

Northwest Airlines Vice President of Facilities and Airport Affairs Jim Greenwald praised Wayne County and the many officials present for this outstanding feat and for completing the new Dingell Drive, the new runway, and the new terminal all in a timely fashion.

Among local dignitaries present were Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert, Romulus Clerk Linda Choate, Romulus Chamber of Commerce President Kathleen Karas, Chamber Board member Mark Lewkiewicz and State Representative Ray Basham.

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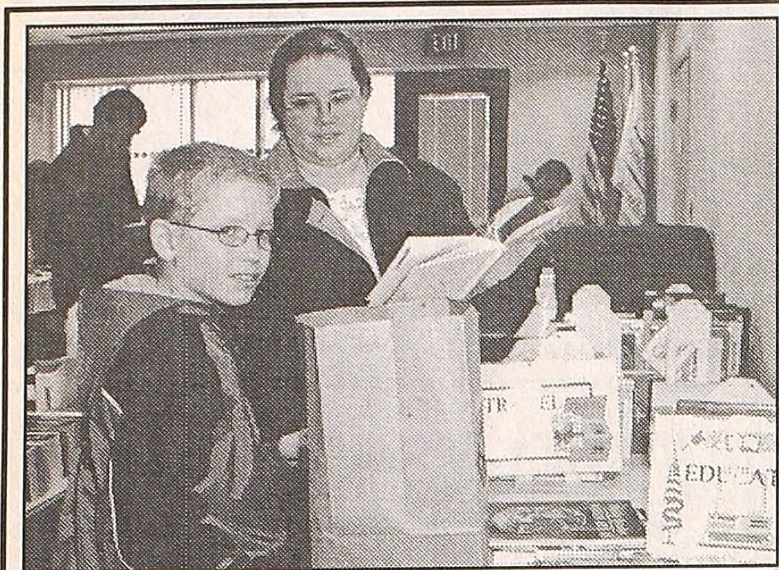
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WESTLAND



Bookworms

Eric Mylar, 10, bags books at the Westland Friends of the Library used book sale last week with the help of his mom, Tamra. Books cost \$4 a bag at the quarterly sale, which raises money for many of the library's programs, which range from presentations by astronauts to toddler story hours. Photo by Ivan Helfman

Thief takes \$4,400 in jewelry

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

A grab-and-run thief made off with \$4,400 worth of jewelry last week.

On Feb. 6 at 10:44 a.m., a thin black man, about 20-years-old, walked into Gold and Silver Town Jewelry on

North Wayne Road with a jewelry brochure.

He asked the salesman, a 21-year-old Westland man, to show him some jewelry like the pieces in the brochure.

As soon as the salesman placed a man's gold diamond bracelet worth \$3,800 and a man's diamond ring worth

\$600 on the counter, the thief scooped them up and ran out of the store.

The salesman chased him into the parking lot, where the thief got into the front seat of a getaway car — possibly a late 80s Oldsmobile — without a license plate.

The car disappeared on Hunter

Street and the remains at large.

Police hope to identify the thief from a security video tape that probably recorded the theft.

Anybody with information about the robbery, the thief, or the getaway car is urged to call the Westland Detective Bureau at (734) 721-6311.

2002-2003 Wayne-Westland School of Choice apps available

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Once again, the Schools of Choice program will be offered in the Wayne-Westland School District for the 2002-2003 school year.

The program provides parents the opportunity to place their child within any school in the district provided space is available.

Transportation is not provided by the district. Schools of Choice parents or guardians must get their child to school.

District residents who would like to place their child in a school outside their boundary area must submit an application for the next school year. These applications are available in every Wayne-Westland school.

The applications for middle school and high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, through March 4, 2002.

Applications for elementary stu-

dents will be accepted in the same office between March 5 to April 12, 2002.

Applications received according to these timelines will permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the 2002-2003 school year in the school of their choice.

In the event more students apply per building than space permits, a random selection will be used to select students. Names of students not selected will be placed on a waiting list. Current schools of

choice students must reapply each year.

After the deadline, Schools of Choice applications will be accepted only until September 13, 2002. These names will be added to the school year waiting lists on a first-come, first serve basis.

Building principals will use the list to notify parents of an opening, only being allowed to do so until October 4, 2002. No Schools of Choice placement will be made after that date.

SOUND OFF EXTRA

Caller imagines former councilman has turned into a puppet master

Ms. Graunstadt, I'm sorry I voted for you. You don't have any new ideas for yourself.

In fact, when I look real close at council meetings, I can almost see Richard LeBlanc behind you, your puppet master.

Can no longer allow children to see Westland City Council meetings

I'm going to quit watching those city council meetings because the same group of people who supported Richard LeBlanc are acting like children. Their behavior is unacceptable.

I can no longer allow this to be seen in my house where my children can watch it.

They have to quit acting like sore losers because they lost the election and grow up.

Person with revoked driver's license wants to get back behind wheel

I'm curious about a story about people who have had their driver's licenses revoked and been punished — a fine, jail — and are still expected to have a job and get back and forth to work, but can't.

We have to use public transportation.

I am a 12-year victim of a revoked driver's license. I ride a bicycle. I've been forced to work seasonal jobs. In the winter, I find it rough to live. I find that almost nobody cares.

I've been punished, sent to prison, yet you don't even write about it.

Caller says that sink noles indicate that Wayne County neglects roads

I'm calling about Metro Airport's midfield terminal. Wouldn't it be nice

if I could drive my car up there?

You can't drive on Middlebelt Road because it's too bumpy. You lose your car getting there.

It must be that McNamara used up all the money and can't fix the road. Or maybe they should call Canada for help.

Michigan doesn't know how to fix that road. It's been there for 30-some years. It's impossible to go through with all the holes. It's as bad as Detroit. With sink holes, you're going to lose your car.

Wayne County is sitting right there. They don't know how to fix roads.

Sad that people try to scare away good workers by behaving like animals

I think that Westland Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt and her husband ought to be ashamed of themselves for scaring Mr. Trice away from working at our DPS. He would have been a great addition.

It's just sad that people try to scare away good workers by behaving like animals.

K-mart hired and let go Angela Todd as 'X-Mas help,' worker says

I'm calling in about the articles [letters] in your newspaper written by Angela Francis Todd, who worked for the Wayne Road K-mart.

I work for that K-mart [unverified], and I want people to know that the reason that she was let go was because she was hired as Christmas help [correct]. She signed a paper knowing that.

[Comments purporting to be K-mart's criticisms of Todd's job skills have been omitted because we can't verify that they are K-mart's.] On the top of that, I think that she's a nut. And if you're going to let her write articles [letters] for your paper, what does that say about you?

Key businesses are

leaving Westland in droves as taxes go up

Sam's Club, K-Mart, Quo Vadis, Med Max, old Kroger, Best Buy, Wayne and Warren strip center, Bill Knapps — all vacant.

Businesses are leaving Westland in droves. Have no fear though, the residents will get hit with the incinerator tax so we can burn the packaging of what we could not buy.

Sky's the limit on water rate charges and property taxes in Westland

Now the mayor and council want to raise our water rates again? They already charge us 200 percent higher than Detroit charges us.

What do they want now — 300 percent?

Also, the trash tax must be voted down. We are paying too much for the community college tax and for city worker pensions, and everything else they want. No more taxes!

I know that it's only been three months sense the election, but I think were going to really miss the only good councilman we had.

They could have made him clerk but they owed the mayor a favor and owed both retired fire chiefs a favor, too. Westland stinks.

Can't believe that someone finally put Jac Nasser in his place

I was pleased to read your Jan. 17 article, "Ford shakes off Nasser." You're one of the few media people to place the blame Ford's problems on Nasser. He's the one who caused all of the problems.

I can't believe my eyes that finally someone noticed. When you read all the article articles, they make it seem like all the people at Ford were a bunch of idiots.

Thanks a lot for getting it so accurately.

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Black history

Black History will be celebrated this month at the Wayne Public Library. The library will have on display a colorful and marvelous display of an afghan, decorative carved figures, literature, music boxes, tableware, toys and other items reflecting black and African American culture. These beautiful artifacts were gathered from members of the NAACP of Western Wayne County by Lucille Flint (pictured above) and Daisy Truss, daughter of the president of the NAACP. They collected and displayed each item with great care. To view the display, visitors are invited to the library during regular library hours. Also, check our websites, audiotapes, books and CD's at the library pertaining to Black History traditionally celebrated across the nation throughout the month of February.

Fire fighters to get new rescue vehicle

Thanks to action by mayor and city council last week, the Fire Department will receive a very belated Christmas gift. The lawmakers approved the purchase of a medium duty rescue unit vehicle for the local fire department.

Fire Chief Rob Dahlman said that the rescue vehicle will make it possible for the Wayne Fire Department to continue to provide the superior Advanced

Life Support and Basic Life Support Services for the entire community.

Dahlman informed council that the vehicle will replace one of the current duty rescue vehicles, a 1991 Ford with 60,300 miles.

The new unit is in production and is scheduled to be delivered to the department sometime in March.

Call to Protect
Program aids victims of domestic violence

Do you own an unused cell phone?
Do you know that it can save a life?

The Wayne Police is in need of all of those unused cell phones, and for a good reason. It may save a life.

The police department recently partnered with the Wireless Foundation for a national program, "Call to Project," which provides victims of a lifeline in an emergency, life-threatening situation.

The Wayne Police Department is asking for residents and businesses

to donate new, used or even broken cell phones and accessories. They will be fixed, reprogrammed and distributed to domestic violence victims in Wayne.

Police say that they investigate approximately 150 cases of domestic violence annually. The partnership with the Wireless Foundation will enable them to provide these victims or potential victims with a cell phone at no cost.

In addition to 911, the phones may also be programmed with the phone numbers of a domestic violence

shelter, a counselor or a doctor.

If you have a cell phone that you wish to donate, please contact Sgt. Dan Juras at the Wayne Police Department at 734-721-1414.

In an unrelated but police item, Wayne police officials continue to offer free gunlocks to residents.

Gunlocks save lives, police officials stress. And this is the message the department conveyed when they distributed 601 gunlocks to Wayne residents during the recent Winterfest.

The State of Michigan has appropriated funds for the purchase of the firearm safety devices to be distributed free of charge to residents through the state, county and local law enforcement agencies.

Police Chief Mike Sumeracki said: "Hopefully this program will help to safeguard children and prevent tragic accidental firearm injuries."

Gunlocks are still available at the police department. For more information, please contact the department at 721-1414.

Window on Wayne
No sandcastle-city really had a castle

By RICHARD L. STORY
Wayne Historian

The castle in the City of Wayne was no sand castle.

It was the real thing.

The house that was called "The Castle" was built during the Nankin Township period of our history, at 5620 Merriman Road, on the south west corner of Tyler and Harding Streets.

The area became part of the City of Wayne in 1963.

On May 15, 1960, the Castle was open to the public for tours, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Back then, the tour cost 10 cents. As a boy I remember taking the tour with my parents and three sisters. It was, indeed, a thrill to visit the site.

This house received wide media coverage back then as it was featured in The Detroit News on Nov. 11, 1959, the magazine, Ford Times, and Popular Science Monthly.

Mr. Curtis Leggo purchased 5 acres of land in 1935 and started to build the Castle himself. Leggo was a millwright who was employed by Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Leggo, like millions of others, suffered a financial setback during the Great Depression (1929-32) and decided to make a home from whatever he could find.

Mr. Leggo built a stone basement first, the Leggo family lived in the basement for seven years. There were two bedrooms and a bathroom in that basement.

The rest of the Castle was constructed over a period of 25 years, using materials from demolished buildings. Mr. Leggo says the following materials were used for the house: the slate used in the kitchen ceiling is from High Church of England, which was demolished at Vernor and Woodward in Detroit; the marble flooring was from the National Bank of Detroit in downtown Detroit when that building was remodeled in the 1930's; and the exterior walls for the Castle had 22 unmarked tombstones and curb stones and there were stones from the world's deepest mines and pieces of the U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) in it.

Also, the basement walls were 5 feet thick and floors were 18 inches thick. All the windows were plate glass and the house was heated by hot water circulating through old style radiators.

The master bedroom of the Castle had a bed made of stone, with the head board weighing 3,500 pounds. The spring mattress is set on the

stone bed.

The closed doors are from the L.S. Bird Store on Washington Blvd., in Detroit. The upstairs bathroom is clearly Roman style. Water flows from a hidden spigot between stones. The stones below the sink are from the Grand Canyon.

The fire place was 5 feet high in side and 3 1/2 by 5 feet at the base. The stones that made up the fire place came from 48 nations - the green stones atop of the fire place were from Mt. Vesuvius, Italy.

Mr. Leggo sold his Castle in 1960 to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Randall of Livonia. Randall was a school teacher at Fordson High School, and the Castle was eliminated forever from our city's landscape in the early 1960's, but I can not for certainty say on what date, except that I would say it was in 1967.

By the way, the Leggos raised five children and they definitely could provide more information.

Thank you for wanting to learn more about the heritage and the people of Wayne.

ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 2002-05
FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Special meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present: Dobrowolski (7:48 p.m.). Discussion regarding assessments by neighborhood Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on February 19, 2002 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider amending the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The public is invited to attend and be heard. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

**'Special tribute'**

Pausing at the end of his State of the City address, Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr. (at right) and Mayor Pro Tem of City Council Wanda Harris-Foster (at left) presented plaques and Council Resolutions to two special women - Curtisene L. Barge (second, from left) who served the city as the executive director and chair of the Census - 2000 Committee, and Gerry Calhoun, for her many contributions to the community. In his annual address, the mayor also called upon more citizens to volunteer their talents to help rebuild the city.

Photo by Reggie Bradley

Local students invited to apply for scholarships

Seniors who will be graduating in June are invited to apply for scholarships awarded by the Khamalaw H. White Foundation.

The foundation awarded ten \$1,000 no-strings attached scholarships to Inkster High School students last year.

To be eligible, a senior must graduate from high school and verify enrollment as a full-time student at a university, community college or trade school.

The student also must have a 2.5 or better G.P.A. and have participated in their school's athletic, music and/or extra curricular programs and/or been involved in community service, according to George Thompson, a member of the Khamalaw White Foundation's Board of Directors.

"We are not targeting only top

scholars or athletic sports "stars" for this scholarship program, but the board of directors is interested in those hard-working students or needy students who may have just missed the cut for other more traditional athletic and academic scholarships and may need financial assistance to attend a college or university," Thompson added.

The board stipulates, however, that an applicant must be a resident of the City of Inkster or attends a school in the School District of the City of Inkster. The scholarships are awarded to eligible candidates regardless of race or which high school the student attends.

"This year we are especially targeting students who reside in the city's public housing projects," Thompson added.

A scholarship candidate's applica-

tion must be signed by the principal or counselor and returned to the Khamalaw H. White Foundation, Inc., B.O. Box 957, Inkster, Mich. 48141-2709, before April 15, 2002.

Application forms are available in the high school counselor's office, the Housing Commission offices or may be obtained by contacting Thompson at 313-706-8729.

The Khamalaw H. White Foundation was founded in honor of Mr. White, a revered coach and athletic director at Inkster High School before his retirement.

Board members note that since the three years of the foundation's inception, the board of directors has become one of the leading scholarship granting organizations in the Inkster area. More than \$15,000 in grants to graduates have been awarded during the three-year period.

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Smith Chapel marks Black History Month

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

In celebration of African-American History Month, commemorated throughout the nation during the month of February, the Adult Usher Board of Smith Chapel African Methodist Episcopal in Inkster will present its Second 'Soul Food Taste Fest'.

The event is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17.

An array of delicious "down home" Southern Dishes will be served.

In addition to the Taste Fest, a one-day Book Sale, sponsored by Brown Sugar And Spice, will be held. Books will be on sale from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Black History Book presentation includes "Books for all ages."

Featured books that are avail-

able include: "Acts of Faith"; "One Day My Soul Just Opened", and "In the Meantime" by noted author Iyanla Vanzant.

Historical African American books such as "Let My People Go"; "Black History Account Of Former Slaves" and "Remembering Slavery", (a dual Audio and Book Account of former slaves.

The presentation is an educational and interesting journey for the entire family. Brown Sugar and Spice is an approved vendor for Detroit Board of Education and a registered vendor for RIF - Reading is Fundamental.

Smith Chapel is located in Inkster, at 3505 Walnut Street, corner of Beech Street.

Renee E. Clements is the President of the Adult Usher Board, and the Reverend Thomas M. Higginbotham is the newly-appointed pastor.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Local educators suggest changes in the MEAP

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

For many educators, administrators, students and parents, the release of MEAP scores gave rise to serious questions and concerns. Still, for others, it confirmed the growing apprehension about standardized testing in some quarters.

The Michigan Education Association has long held that MEAP is used as a high stakes instrument for determining winners and losers. They further contend that real accountability is much more than testing; it is about ensuring that all children have access to high-quality public schools and qualified teachers with interventions so that low-achieving students and schools have a realistic chance to succeed.

The MEAP and other standardized tests were implemented to determine how well educators and districts were teaching the recommended state curriculum. It was meant to help schools identify problems areas.

Instead, the test is used for school accreditation, for Realtors to lure home buyers to communities, for colleges scholarships for qualifying students, and to label low-scoring students and schools as failures.

"If the public continues to rely on standardized tests as the primary method of understanding the accomplishments of teachers, students and schools, then they have a distorted picture," says Charles Eisler, a professor at Central Michigan University. "Parents have a great deal more of confidence in these tests than they should. They shouldn't be the only measure as to how a student, teacher or district is doing."

The tests have drawn criticism from some area superintendents and educators. Under constant pressure to show results that students are learning, many feel it has become a race between districts and students rather than a tool to gauge progress.

The MEAP and other standardized tests concern Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy.

Stressing that it is a good test for some, he maintains that the problem is that it doesn't address students who are not good test takers.

"In a perfect world we would have multiple assessments for the different learning styles," said Baracy. "Pressure is on all of us, for Lansing has said that MEAP will be the measure. They've left it up to us as how to make one standard test fit twenty different shoe sizes."

Pointing out the difference in demographics, a key factor according to most administrators, Baracy said that the Ann Arbor district differs from Wayne-Westland.

In Ann Arbor, 64 percent of the parents hold a Bachelor's degree. In Wayne-Westland, only 11 percent have it. In Ann Arbor, 6 percent of the households

did not graduate from high school, while in Wayne-Westland, 24 percent did not.

Baracy stressed that transient factor — students moving into the district just before testing — is not considered when tests are scored.

Also at issue, administrative costs for Ann Arbor that are nearly 5 times that of Wayne-Westland. Administrative costs cover support staff.

"We should be comparing apples to

life. Give us a test that is appropriate for all kids. We want to be accountable." Teachers feel pressured by the MEAP.

"I feel pressure," German said. "We're told we have to perform. I would rather concentrate on the student. It isn't fair to rely on one test. I want to teach the Michigan Curriculum Frameworks, not a test."

She also feels that teachers are being evaluated solely on the MEAP and that

jobs are being threatened if MEAP scores are not what some feel they should be.

"I also think the students feel pressure," she said. "There is the \$2,500 scholarship. They want that money with the costs of college. However, give us an instrument that measures accurately, we want to be accountable."

Many educators feel the comparisons made between the districts unfairly categorizes students and teachers. Baracy feels that that is harming the district.

"We know how hard everyone is working," he said. "It hurts us, it hurts our teachers, but more importantly, it hurts our students."

There has been public outcry against the MEAP in recent years, and not just in schools performing at the lower ends of the scoring scale.

Just four years ago, students began boycotting the test which wasn't required to graduate. Plymouth-Canton, notably one of the area schools who perform well on the MEAP, spearheaded the boycott. In order to encourage or bribe the students into taking and passing the test, Governor John Engler dangled the proverbial carrot. The Michigan Merit Scholarship Program was initiated, and students began testing again, in essence saying, "Show me the money!"

Van Buren Superintendent Larry Tabor said: "The data gathered gives us the opportunity to speak with other districts and to share information about what is working. My chief complaint would be in reference to the terminology utilized to describe the district's performance in its Educational Return Summary: 'well above average,' 'well be-

low average,' 'moderately above average.' These terms tend to connote a qualitative good or bad performance with no reference points for comparison. I would prefer to see Standard and Poor's remain consistent by utilizing quantitative point differences to compare a district to its peer group or the state."

When asked about what he feels could act as a substitute for the MEAP, Tabor said, "I would prefer to see a normed nationwide reference test, similar to the ACT or SAT, something to gauge progress year-to-year, not a single snapshot in a student's education."

The state insists that teachers are just unhappy with the results because some of their students fall just short of

meeting the standard, charging that students are erroneously labeled failures. In contrast, the superintendents we talked to insist the MEAP does more harm than good.

According to the state of Michigan, students who do not meet the standards are by no means failures — though it's not clear that students or parents in stigmatized districts see it this way.

The Michigan Department of Education's web site says: "The seemingly harsh reality of life is that whether we are vying for a better test score, or a place in a starting lineup, or a job in the working world, someone meets all the expectations of the test, and someone else falls shy."



MEAP winners include Plymouth-Canton Canton and Salem High Schools, who won the 2001 Governor's Cup Award for outstanding achievement for the students passing the high school MEAP tests, placing in the state's top 13 schools. Canton Principal Patricia Patton and Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin accept the Governor's Trophy for both schools' staff and students.

apples," said Baracy, in reference to placing districts in a category comparative to their own. Instead, districts are placed according to size, not demographics.

"An ideal situation would be a test that would take in all learning styles of students, perhaps a test for demonstrating hands-on skills, or a verbal test, and then one test for 'cognitive' students."

In fairness to the Wayne-Westland district, the state's Standard and Poor's evaluation, which evaluates several factors, does not show district's year-to-year improvements in any of the factors.

The analysis did not include data that showed an upward trend in Wayne-Westland's test scores over the four-year study period.

"I think we should be measured by our growth and improvement," said Baracy.

Wayne-Westland 9th grade science teacher Kathy German has several concerns with the MEAP. Stating that the test does not recognize multiple-intelligence levels among students, German said: "We have no control over the variables for each student, such as home

Meier teams with Savage

Partnerships come in many different forms. Business partners, marriage partners, silent partners, however a partnership between an elementary school and multi-billion dollar business is rare. In Belleville, Savage Elementary School is enjoying the perks of such a partnership, with the Meijer Corporation.

The partnership began nearly two years ago when store director Greg Kane, and Meijer employee Lynn Wadsworth approached Savage principal Dominic Maniaci about working with the school. In their first project together, Meijer donated \$8,000 for a new playground structure, assembled by PTO parents and Meijer Corporation volunteers.

In an effort to contribute with more than finances, Meijer employees are taking part in a tutoring program every Thursday morning. Working with first and second grade students, the employees each spend time with the children one on one helping them with reading skills.

"I can't say enough good things about Mr. Kane and Mrs. Wadsworth,

and the partnership with Meijer," Maniaci said. "They have been very good to Savage Elementary."

Recently, Savage was presented a \$5,000 check at a special assembly by the corporation. Approached by Media Specialist, Jamie Williams for funds for new computer software and library books, Meijer once again honored their partnership with the school. "Our media specialist saw a need and asked Meijer if they could help, and they were there for us," said Maniaci. "They've also sponsored the district spelling bees by donating dictionaries and certificates."

Meijer's newest program with the school will be a new incentive program designed to encourage children to read. Now through May, for each book a student reads, they will be allowed to fill out a form and deposit it in a box. In May, Meijer and Savage will hold a drawing where two bicycles will be awarded to the students who have their slips pulled.

"Meijer has been a very good friend to Savage Elementary", said Maniaci, "And to the community."

CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2002-04, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS TO PART TWO, ADMINISTRATION CODE; CHAPTER 210, UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE

210.14 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fees for permits and licenses issued by the Police Department for services rendered by such Department are as follows:

(a) Bicycles, each \$ 1.00
(Valid for as long as permit holder owns the bicycle)

(b) Animal pound fees:

First occurrence (within 1 year) \$25.00
Second occurrence (within 1 year) \$40.00
Third occurrence (within 1 year) \$75.00

(c) Pick up any animal (per day or fraction of any day after pick up) \$15.00

(d) Bite quarantine (per day) \$15.00

(e) Disposal, per cat \$20.00
Disposal, per dog \$20.00

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
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Motion by Dickerson, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2002-03, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS TO PART TWO, ADMINISTRATION CODE; CHAPTER 210, UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE

210.11 GENERAL PERMITS AND LICENSES.

(1) Dog licenses:

From January 1 to February 28 \$10.00
Neutered dogs, January 1 to February 28 \$ 5.00
After February 28 \$20.00
(Except pup under six months, ownership under ten days)

Neutered dogs, after February 28 \$20.00

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

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CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2002-06, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of the City of Wayne be amended and changed to show B-3, BUSINESS EXTENSIVE where R-1 C, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, is now shown, property known as 35100 Van-Born Road, as hereinafter described:

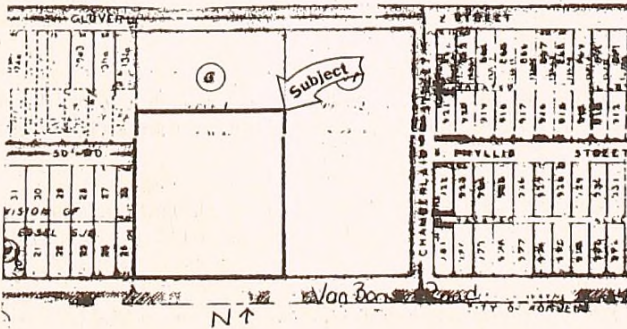
Part of the SW 1/4 Sec 33: T2S R9E described as beg S 89D 16M 45S E 660.16 ft and N 00D 01M 09S E 60 ft from SW corner of Sec 33; thence N 00D 01M 09S E 438.30 ft thence S 89D 12M 20S E 330.00 ft thence S 00D 01M 09S W 437.88 ft thence N 89D 16M 45S W 330.00ftPOB 3.32 acres

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2002-05, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS TO PART TWELVE, PLANNING AND ZONING; CHAPTER 1260, B-4, BUSINESS INTENSIVE DISTRICT

1260.04 USES REQUIRING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT

(a) Outdoor sales by a temporary permit for a six-month period or less. When after a consecutive two-year period of operation has occurred, without any violation of the original conditions of approval, the temporary permit may be extended to a eight-month period. This request shall include a report by the Building Official and any other City department, detailing the current conditions and review of the prior conditions of approval. This report shall be used to determine if there have not been any violations during the prior two-year period.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 2002-06
FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Approved minutes of Regular Meeting of January 15, 2002 and Special Meeting of January 28, 2002. Held Public Hearings and first readings to consider rezoning Parcel #55-010-01-0321-301, Lot 327 of Louis Savage Garfield Park Subdivision, from Single Family Residential (R1 -C) to Business Extensive (B-3), and to consider the new zoning classification of Planned Development District #55-019-02-0977-001; split of Lot 327 from Parcel #55-010-01-0321-301 which includes Lots 321-327 of Louis Savage Garfield Park Subdivision; Traffic Control Order No. 477, the installation of fifteen (15) R5-4 signs stating Theater Parking Only, All Others Will Be Towed Away, in the parking lot of the State Wayne Theater; payments to Environmental Quality (EQ) Industrial Services, for hazardous materials clean-up services and McKenna Heating & Cooling, for repairs to the Govenair unit in the Aquatic Area at the Community Center; change in the name regarding the contract approved at the January 2, 2002 City Council Meeting for Scott Davis to perform at the 2002 Winterfest Ice Show, from Marco Entertainment to Scott Davis; amendment to the contract for grass cutting on Parks & Recreation Department property and City parks with Copland Enterprises to include three (3) additional cuts; purchases of a thermal printer for the Police Department and a digital camcorder for the Fire Department. Called Special Meetings for February 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss FY '02-'03 Goals, instead of February 11, 2001, and Monday, March 18, 2002 at 8:00 p.m., due to the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Legislative Conference on March 20, 2002. Called a Public Hearing for February 19, 2002 at 8:00 p.m., to consider amending the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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Sound Off

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Councilman told that a lot of low-paid workers are still good people

Westland Councilman Dennis LeMaitre said, "If you pay \$7 per hour, you get \$7-per-hour work. If you pay \$20 per hour, you get \$20-per-hour work."

I wonder how much he paid Mario Gracin to work at his printing store. I'll bet it was closer to \$7 per hour than \$20-per-hour, and I'll also bet Mr. Gracin gave him closer to \$20-per-hour-quality work.

Councilman, you should be ashamed of yourself. A lot of us work for a lot less money than you make, but we are still good people.

There is nothing fair in Westland; government 'will just keep taking'

Mario Gracin hit the nail right on the head. How unfair that vote for clerk was. Pick the one you want to be clerk first and do it.

They should have applied, then tested, and interviewed just as Mr. Gracin said.

I think it would have been a little more fair. As we are all learning, there is nothing fair in Westland. They will just keep taking.

The listed Sound Off phone number plagues caller with message

I have tried several times to call but the phone number you have listed in the paper is wrong.

Would you please reprint the article in the paper about the mayor treating the seniors likes babies in its entirety. On the computer it is complete but in Sunday's paper you miss several paragraphs. *[Please call again and leave your message at (734) 729-4000 X 206, which is the*

right number — Ed.]

Former supporter question's Godbout and LeMaitre's loyalty

Because I am out of paper and snowed-in, I decided to use this handy form to express my supreme disappointment in the council members that I supported in the last Westland election, and pleasantly surprised and somewhat shamed about one council member I did not vote for.

Mrs. Graunstadt, you are my hero. Mr. LeMaitre and Mr. Godbout, you got under my radar. I supported you two because I thought you represented my concerns, because I thought you subscribed to a certain mindset. I was wrong.

I have no faith in people whose loyalties shift with the wind. As for council meetings not being a "Kiwanis meeting," filled with dues paying members, well, correct me if I am wrong, but aren't our taxes much like

dues?

While it is very true that council members represent all the citizens, each person who takes the time to attend council meetings represents a sector of this city. Business owners, seniors, blue collar workers, and youth.

Perhaps you should spend more time listening and less time trying to defend bad decisions. It is a sad reminder that certain people, like Mario Gracin, are speaking in the wrong microphone. How much better served my concerns would have been with Mr. Gracin on council.

Newspaper should have fact-checked before printing Angela's letter

I'm calling about the articles [a few lines in a photo caption and a long letter] in your paper given to a reporter by Angela Todd.

Why would you print such derogatory information without checking it

out.

In the first place, she said that we fired 600 people, then you retracted it and said about 60, which still wasn't true.

She knew when she hired in that she was only going to be there until Christmas. There was no chance she was going to be full time. We don't even hire full-time cashiers, so there was no chance of that. That was not true.

She was a poor cashier the full time she was there [in this caller's opinion; Todd argued the opposite — Ed.]

So I would advise your reporters to check things out before reporting such crap about a company.

Please make sure your current papers are always in their boxes

I would say if this newspaper is in financial trouble, I would make sure that all your outside newspaper

stands have the up-to-date paper. This whole month, the paper has been behind.

If you want more subscribers and people to buy your newspaper, you should keep it up to date, not late.

McKinney, Gracins ought to work harder to do good things for Westland

I find the behavior of the Gracins, the LeBlancs, and Judy McKinney an embarrassment to the city of Westland.

They show up to every council meeting [the LeBlancs don't — Ed.] with radical ideas just to cause trouble and give our city a negative image to the communities in the surrounding area.

I think that if they look back at the recent election results, they were rejected by the city of Westland.

I think that if they work harder to do positive things for the city, everybody will be better off.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Public Safety Director Elg, Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Parks Manager Camis, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistance Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-four (34).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda with the following changes: adding New Business Item #13 "Consider approval of final Plat for Walden Woods Subdivision #3." And include the following languages to New Business Item #10 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2002-06". Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Budd moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing for the 2002-2003 proposed Community Block Grant program. Carried.

Supervisor King stated this the first of two public hearings regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. This funding is received from Wayne County and is one of the last sources of Block Grant Funding that is available to local municipalities. The estimated funding level for this year is \$169,000. At this point we are seeking comments from the public that would meet the CDBG founding guidelines.

Manager Camis stated the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) primary objectives of the CDBG program are for the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities. The three national objectives for projects are: benefit low/moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slum or bright and meet urgent community needs. Many projects in the past have dealt directly with benefiting low/moderate income person. Subcategories include the following: limited clientele working with seniors, homeless or people with disabilities such as ADA compliant activities; housing-specifically for rehabilitation of housing ; and jobs- the creation of or the proving of jobs for low/moderate income persons. CDBG funds have previously been used to replace play structures in the parks with ADA compliant play structures; the senior services area in the township hall will soon have ADA compliant countertops; purchase of fire equipment for the fire department; housing rehabilitation; demolition of unsafe buildings; administration of the program; planning for areas meeting HUD requirements such as the Ecorse Haggerty Road District. Residents are encouraged to submit ideas for possible project to the Community Services Department by contacting Manager Camis at 699.8926 or 699.8926, or via email at www.jcamis@vanburen-mi.org by February 12, 2002.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved,Herman seconded to close the public hearing.Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public hearing to consider the recommendation of the Township planning Commission to amend the Township Master Plan for parcels of land in Sections 12 and 13. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to director Kelley. Director Kelly stated in the fall of 2001 the Township Planning Commission requested planning staff to study sections 4, 12 and 13 based on development trends both in and outside the township and varied interest in the northeast portion of the township. This area is generally located between I-275 and Hannan Road, north and south of Ecorse Road and south to Tyler Road.

The master Plan Amendment recommended to the Board is compatible with the Ecorse/Haggerty Road Corridor Plan and the Ecorse/Haggerty Overlay District both recently approved by the Board. It is the continuing refinement of one of the Premier Community Plan.

The amendment affects approximately 500 acres of generally undeveloped land bordered referred to in the plan as the "Golden Corridor" of Southeast Michigan. It proposes that land presently zoned agricultural and for the most part vacant and idle be encouraged to be developed for technology oriented uses. Some of the features of the area includes: (1) High Quality natural features including significant nature tree stands and a 40-acre lake. (2) Direct vehicular access from I-275, I-94, Michigan Avenue, Ecorse and Haggerty Roads. (3) Resistance to economic downturns even in slow market times for developments and businesses along the H-274 corridor. (4) Large vacant Parcels are still available.

Supervisor King stated the Planning Commission has recommended the Master Plan amendments for this area from Agricultural to Office Technology.

Trustee Herman stated the Master Plan amendment is a future road map of the property and is not the rezoning of property.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne second to open the public hearing to consider the special use request from Bethlehem Lutheran Church (to construct and operate a child care facility, an adult care facility, and a church on parcels V125-83-99-0046-001, V125-83-038-99-0047-000 and V125-83-038-99-0048-000 commonly known as 7865 and 7909 Belleville Road.) Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley.

Director Kelley stated the Zoning Ordinance requires special approval for this type of use on residentially zoned land. Bethlehem Lutheran Church proposes to remove the existing residential homes and all accessory structures on the parcels and construct a 14,545 square foot building to operate a child care and adult care facilities in conjunction with a place of worship for a congregation that it hopes to move to the Township. The applicants are proposing to use both residential style brick and siding for the exterior faces of the building. During their discussion the Planning Commission reviewed the storm water management system, the parking areas, with special attention to the landscaping plan, exterior facade treatment, site buffering and drop off zones.

Questions were asked pertaining to what constitutes special use, the adult care facility, objection to this specific use, and the location of the proposed project. Director Kelly offered the following: a special use request as found in the Zoning Ordinance requires the township to pay particular attention to some uses and their specific impact. Special uses are not by right, they must have a public hearing at both the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees Meetings to look for ways to minimize impact, in this case the number of cars and people in a residential area. The adult care facility is new to the township and would allow for adults to be dropped off for the day and is not ment for adults who cannot get around. Director Kelly stated one resident wanted to here an explanation of what was going to be developed on the property; however, after hearing the proposed use had no objection. Finally the property is located on the east side of Belleville Road between Tyler and Robson Roads.

The applicant stated the day care will be operated from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m. Monday Through Friday and a church service on Sunday mornings. This new a new congregation that is forming with funding from Michigan District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The intent through the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Open Arms Intergenerational Center is to provide relevant services to the community. The day care center would serve 120 children and 10 adults once it was completed. The multipurpose room is where the church services would be held and would seat around 200 people.

Director Kelley stated this plan would still need a final state plan approval if the special use is granted.

Board members discussed the need for this type of facility and that both the child and adult care centers would be licensed by the State of Michigan.

A resident asked the height of the proposed structure? The applicant stated the highest point is 32 feet and the majority of the building is one story and approximately 18 feet high.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of January 7, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2002 as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, budd seconded to approve the Special Work Study Session Minutes of January 29, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2002, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: An email from Environmental Director Ballard stated the Environmental Protection Agency would contribute approximately \$3000 and the Clean Water Network contributed \$700 for the "Living on the Edge" workshop the Township hosted on Saturday, February 2, 2002. This workshop was for residents who live along the lakeshore. The workshop provided information pertaining to shoreline protection and water quality.

A letter from the Salvation Army send thanking Lieutenant Ken Brooks for his commitment to the kettle campaign drive and thanking police and fire personnel for raising \$1,455.53.

Supervisor King reviewed the Township's annual Municipal Solid Waste Stream Report to the Wayne County Department of Environment Land Resource Management Division, which provides 2001 statistics on recycling rates. For further information contact Environmental Director Ballard at 699.8913 or our visit our website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the Amendment to the Master Plan for the Grace Lake Area (section 12 and 13), prepared by the Planning Commission with assistance from McKenna Associates, Inc. the Township Planning Consultant, in a report dated December 2001. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to improve the special use request from Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7865 Belleville Road, to construct and operate a child care facility, an adult care facility, and a church on parcels of land known as 7865 and 7909 Belleville Road, based on the facts and findings at meetings held January 9th and 23rd, 2002, and the letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission dated December 12, 2001. Carried.

Rochowiak move, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-03 the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Van Buren Township 2002 Board of Review. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the financial institutions listed in Treasurer's Budd letter dated January 22, 2002, for township investments. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-04 to Public Safety Records Fee Schedule with the addition of a \$15 Concealed

Weapons (CCW) Permit application fee. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the reappointment of Donna Meyer and the appointment of Tim Pastor to the Cable Commission with terms to expire October 31, 2004. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve the reappointment of Joy Ann Ferris, Ken Askew, Beverly Jenkins, Loretta Speaks and Bob Thorne and the appointment of Keith Johnston to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 28, 2003. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to approve the bid documents for 2002 Lawn Cutting and Maintenance with the option to renew in 2003 as recommended by the Recreation and Facilities Director. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 02-05-02(1) to amend [Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended] to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels known as 349 Sumpter Road, V125-83-106-99-0002-000 and 375 Sumpter Road, V125-83-106-99-0003-000 from (M-1) Light Industrial to (C-1) General Commercial. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 02-05-02(1) follow the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinances is available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Payne moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-06 to transfer ownership of 1997 Class C licensed business with dance permit and entertainment permit, located in escrow at 11175 Haggerty, Belleville, MI 48111 from Haggerty House, Inc.; to Belleville Nights, Inc. [Holiday Inn Express] located at 46194 N. I-94 Service Drive, transfer classification from Class C to B-Hotel licensed business. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 02-05-02(2), to amend Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended, to amend and modify provisions and requirements of Article XIV, OT (Office Technology) District, and to modify Article XVII, Schedule of Regulations and Section, 4.24B Wireless Communications, Facilities, Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 02-05-02(2) follow the minutes. A complet copy of the ordinances is available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Budd moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-05 with the intent to create a Local Development Financing Authority and set a public hearing date of March 19, 2002. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Final Plat for Walden Wood Subdivision #3, noting the letter for recommendatin from the Township Engineer, dated February 5, 2002, and the recommendation that several miscellaneous items are not completed and that a bond in the amount of \$40,000 be posted with the Township Treasurer until the noted items are completed. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the February 5, 2002 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Township Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents Day.

On Tuesday, February 12th the Belleville Rotary will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hal on Beck Road.

Spaces are still available for the Father-Daughter Dance to be held on Saturday, February 16, 2002. The Friday, February 15, 2002 is sold out. To commemorate Black History Month storyteller LaRon Williams will host a story hour on Saturday, February 23rd from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Township Hall in the Dining Room. contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921 or additional information and reservation.

Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen stated that Wayne County will be picking up tree debris from the recent winter storm in the following order: first from roadways to clear the roads; second from sides of roads. They will not access private property to remove tree debris. No specific time period was noted. There will be no pick up of yard waste (tree debris) by Waste Managment until April 1st, however, residents may take tree debris to the Woodland Meadows landfill located on Van Born Road.

Public Safety Director Elg. commended members of the Public Safety Department for a job well done during the recent winter storm.

On Saturday, February 23rd the Special Olympics will be hosting a "Polar Bear Plunge" fundraiser at Belleville Lake and for more information contact 1.800.644.6404.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident representing the home-owners of Belle Pointe Estates presented Supervisor King with a list of concerns pertaining to their subdivision. He specifically discussed issues relating to homes under construction but not completed; land development issues and other related building and safety concerns. Director Kelly stated some of these concerns have been addressed and township officials will look into the remaining concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

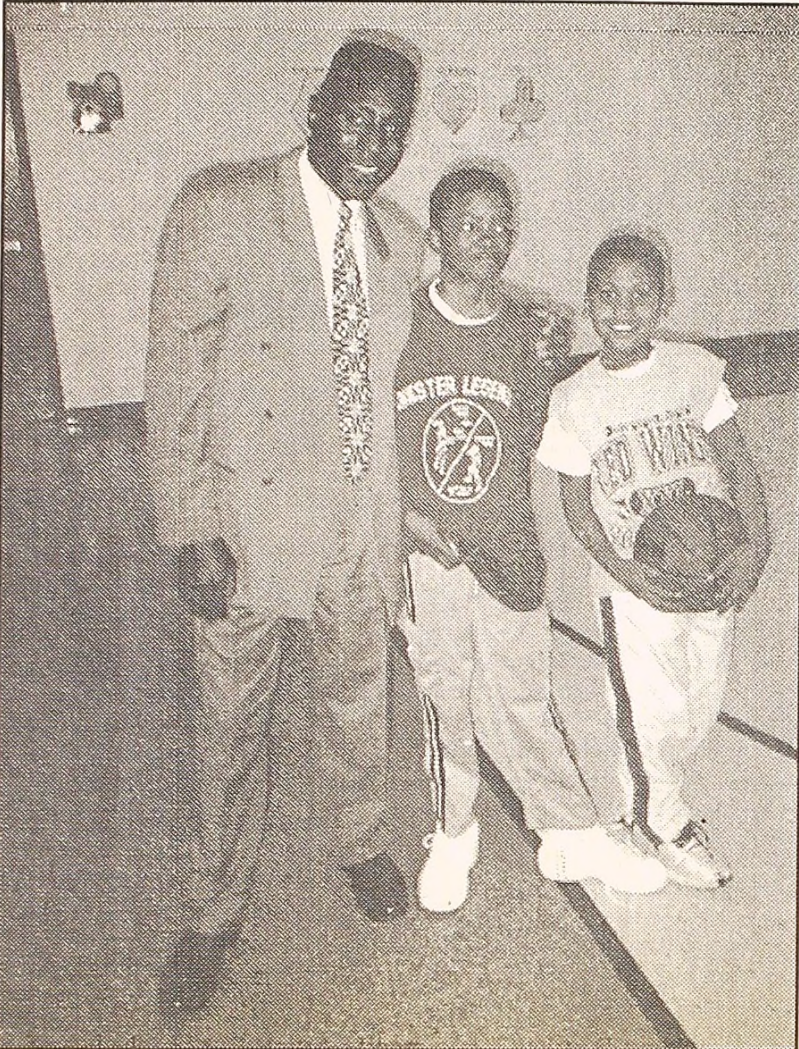
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Playhouses constructed

Among the high school teachers who completed five playhouses for the Habitat For Humanity raffle were (first row) Kathy Hurst, Lance Knudsen, (second row) Marci Tomchick, Jill Avery, Christi Trombetta, Don Kobane and Bill Barnes, (third row) Florence Satterlee, Darrell Kenyon, Terry Bird and Michael Hansen.

Happy Birthday Rita Bedell



Pictured with Dunlap are Jonas Lawson (center) and Nathan Mungo.

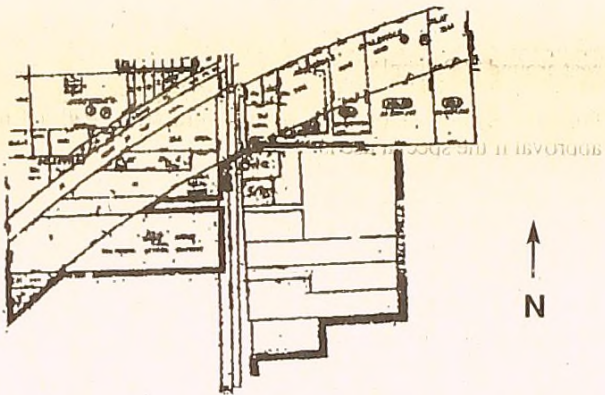
Agent talks to team

James Dunlap (left), agent-in-charge of the Secret Service-Michigan spoke to the Metro Jets 5th-grade basketball team Dunlap encouraged team members to work hard and be good citizens. The Jets are 4-1 in the Inkster Recreation League. They represent National Heritage School in Romulus. Team members are Christian Moon, Brandyn Mungo, Elijah Mathews, Caleb Brown, Jacob Floyd, Robert Woodson, Jason Flint, D'anis Northington and Nathan Mungo.

Correction

In the February 7 issue of the Enterprise there is a correction to be made in the article called "VBT Discusses Visteon Village." In the article it stated that the land obtained by Visteon bordered by Tyler, I-275, Ecorse and Hannan would become an LSDA zone. In actuality the zone is called a Local Development Finance Authority. This reporter apologizes for the mistake and wishes to clarify the information that was given before.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 02-05-02(1)



First Reading of Ordinance 02-05-02(1), Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDIAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following discribed property to wit:

Ordinance Number 02-05-02(1)

The rezone the following from M-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-1 (General Business)

Legal Description of Property: All of parcel V125-83-106-99-0002-000 located in the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of section 27. All of parcel V125-83-106-99-0003-000 located in the northwest 1/4 of section 27.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed hereby to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby delcared to have been adeopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the ____ day of ____, 2002.

Yeas: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Nays: None. Absent: None

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township with-in ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 02-05-02(1) was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne CMC Township Clerk

Cindy C. King Township Supervisor

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY Ordinance No. 02-05-02(2)

First reading of Ordinance. Second reading for adoption will be held at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held at 7:30 p.m. on February 19, 2002 in the Board Room, Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren by amending regulations pertaining to the OT, Offices Technology District.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Article XIV, OT, Offices Technology District is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety within the following sections:

SECTION 1: ARTICLE XIV, OT, OFFICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

- Section 14.01 Statement of Purpose
- Section 14.02 Permitted Uses
- Section 14.03 Permitted Uses with Special Approval
- Section 14.04 Prohibited Uses
- Section 14.05 Development Standards for All Permitted Uses in District
- Section 14.06 Area, Height and Placement Regulations

SECTION 2: ARTICLE XVII, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 3: ARTICLE XVII, FOOTNOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

SECTION 4: ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS Section 4.24B Wireless Communications Facities

SECTION 5: CONFLICTS

SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting called and held on the ____ day of ____, 2002.

YEAS: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk

Cindy C. King Township Supervisor

Published: February 14, 2002

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF REVIEW FOR 2002 ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 5, Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 11, Monday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

March 12, Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To review property assessments for 2002. Taxpayers/ property owners may file an appeal of assessment(s) to the Board of Review in WRITING without personal appearance. Letters of appeal must be received on or before March 13, 2002.

Those taxpayers wishing to appeal in person, please call the Township by March 11, 2002 at 734-699-8946 to set an APPOINTMENT to meet with the Board of Review on any of the above dates.

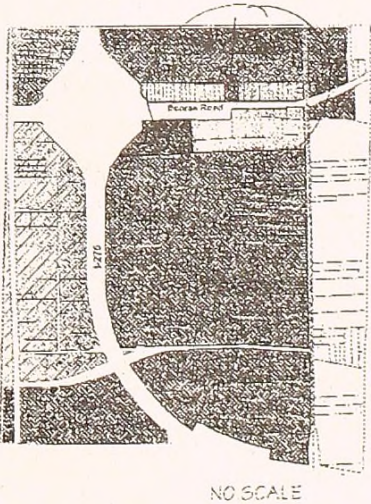
Joannie D. Payne, CMC Van Buren Charter Township

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on March 19, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the offices of the Charter Township of Van Buren, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Charter Township, Wayne County, Michigan, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the intention of the Charter Township of Van Buren to create and provide for the operation of a Local Development Finance Authority und the provisions of Act 281 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1986, as amended. The boundaries of the proposed Authority District are:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 12, T. 3 S., R. 8 E. in Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, thence southerly along the east boundary line of said Section 12 to the southeast corner of said Section 12; thence southerly along the east boundary line of Section 13, T. 3 S., R. 8 E. approximately 1,920 feet; thence westerly to the west right-of-way line of Hannan Road and the northeast corner of parcel V125-83-049-99-0015-001; thence northwesterly along the south and west right-of-way line of the I-275 Expressway to its intersection with the south right-of-way line of Tyler Road; thence southwesterly along said south right-of-way line of Tyler Road to the northwest corner of parcel V125-83-050-99-0001-000; thence westerly approximately 120 feet to the west right-of-way line of Haggerty Road and the northeast corner of parcel V125-83-053-99-0002-000; thence northerly to the southeast corner of V125-83-044-99-0005-701; thence easterly to the southwest corner of V125-83-047-99-0007-000; thence northeasterly along the north right-of-way line of Tyler Road to its intersection with the west right-of-way line of the I-275 Expressway; thence northwesterly along said west right-of-way line of the I-275 Expressway and the west right-of-way of the I-275 Expressway; thence northwesterly along the west right-of-way line of the I-275 Expressway to its intersection with the south right-of-way line of Ecorse Road; thence westerly along the north boundary of parcel V125-83-046-99-0002-000 and the south right-of-way line of Ecorse Road to the northwest corner of said parcel V125-83-046-99-0002-000; thence westerly approximately 120 feet across Haggerty Road to the northeast corner of pared V125-83-041-99-0001-001; and continuing north along the easterly boundary of parcel V125-83-041-99-0001-714; thence northerly across Ecorse Road to the southeast corner of parcal V125-83-008-99-0044-000; thence easterly across Haggerty Road to the southwest corner of parcel V125-83-003-99-0020-000; thence easterly along the north right-of-way line of Ecorse Road to its intersection with the west right-of-way line of the I-275 Expressway; thence northeasterly along said west right-of way line of the I-275 Expressway to the northeast corner of parcel V125-83-003-99-0007-000; thence east across the right-of-way of the I-275 Expressway to the east right-of-way line of the I-275 Expressway; thence southeasterly along aid east right-of-way line of the I-275 Expressway to its intersection with the northwest corner of parcel V125-83-003-99-0051-001; thence easterly along the north boundary line of parcels V125-83-003-99-0051-001, V125-83-003-99-0053-000, V125-83-003-99-0055-000, V125-83-003-99-0057-000, V125-83-004-99-0010-000, V125-83-004-99-0001-000 through V125-83-004-99-0009-000, V125-83-004-99-0020-700 to the northeast corner of said parcel V125-83-004-99-0020-700; thence easterly across parcel V125-83-003-99-0003-702 to the northwest corner of parcel V125-83-004-99-0022-002, thence easterly along the north boundary of parcels V125-83-004-99-0022-002 through V125-83-004-99-0022-004; thence continuing easterly along the north boundary line of parcels V125-83-004-99-0023-000 through V125-83-004-99-0027-000 to the centerline of Hannan Road wich is the east boundary of Section 1 T. 3 S, R. 8 E; thence southerly along said east boundary line of Section 1, T. 3 S, R. 8 E to the south east corner of Section 1, T. 3 S, R. 8 E and northeast corner of Section 12, T. 2 S, R. 8 E. the point of beginning.



The hearing will provide the fullest opportunity for decision within the customary guidelines of the Board of Trustees regarding the creation and operation of a Local Development Finance Authority by the Township.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk

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Thanks to DNA, Ludwig killer may be found

The miracle of DNA has got to be the greatest murder-solving tool since the beginning of mankind. DNA is being used to solve all sorts of crimes, both current and those that happened a long time ago.

For instance, we reported a couple weeks ago that DNA linked Michael Conley to a violent 1991 rape-murder that occurred in Inkster. The body of Levette Simone Knight, 25 years old, was found in a field off the 3300 block of Kewadin.

According to prosecutors, Conley, after dumping the body in the field, came back the next day and raped the dead woman. The sperm, allegedly obtained from the dead woman's body linked the defendant, by DNA, to the victim.

A decade later, Inkster police called Conley in, presumably because he was listed as a witness in 1991, and took a blood sample. Lo and behold it came back from the lab as a match. He confessed to Inkster Police Det. Anthony Abdullah that he "choke her. Put her in the field...went to have sex with her."

Now Conley is in jail and must stand trial for that 1991 murder.

Vienna Township's Jeffrey Gorton is also in jail, thanks to DNA. Gorton was arraigned Saturday on open murder, criminal sexual conduct, armed robbery and bur-

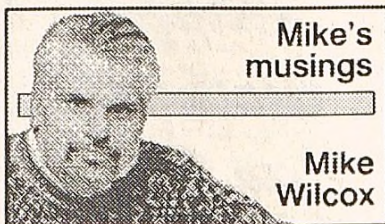
glary charges in the killing of U of M music professor, Dr. Margarette Eby at her home in 1986.

That crime was linked with the 1991 slaying of Northwest Airlines flight attendant Nancy Ludwig in a room at the Hilton Airport Inn in Romulus. Again the linkage came after investigators matched DNA evidence from both crime scenes back in August.

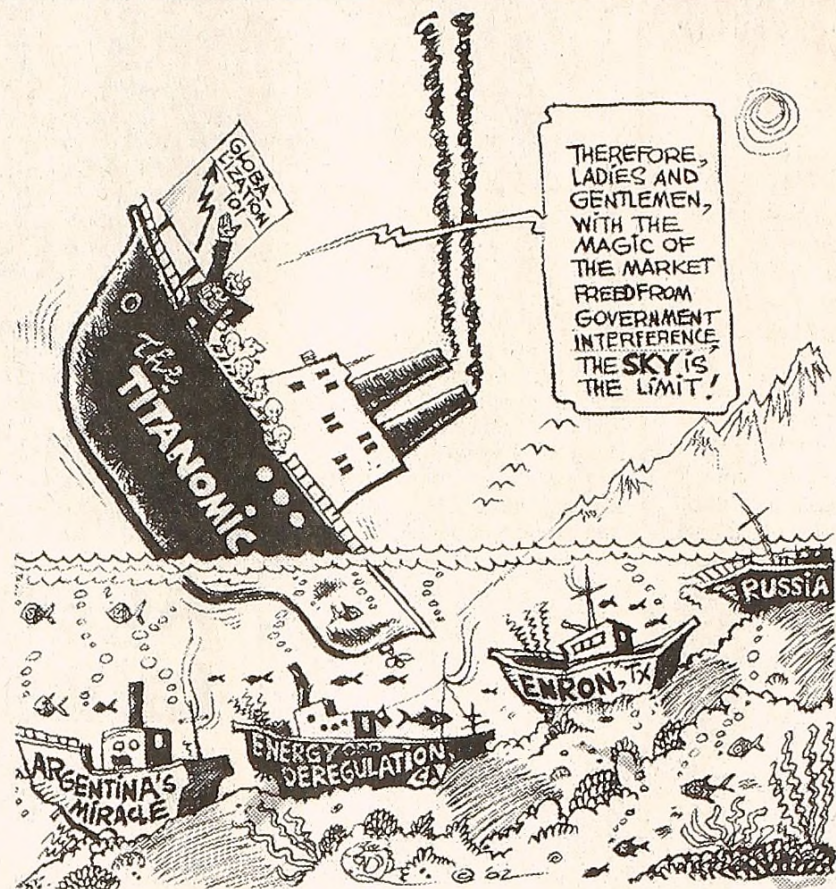
Now Romulus police are expected to submit a warrant and have Gorton arraigned at the 34th District court some time soon.

The Ludwig murder was one of the most publicized ever in Romulus. Nancy, of Minneapolis, was found bound, gagged, raped and had her throat slashed Feb. 17, 1991. The flight attendant was on layover for the night.

Now thanks to DNA, her grieving husband, who has made pleas for witnesses to come forward for several years, might finally face his wife's killer in the form of Gorton. Justice does prevail, even if it takes eleven years.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox



Family recreation returns

A few weeks ago, the conjunction of two events, the conviction of violent hockey dad Thomas Junta and the opening of the \$5 million Arctic Edge hockey arena at Victory Park in Canton, prompted me to write a column lamenting the disappearance of backyard rinks.

The prospect of so much money being spent to inadvertently create hyper-hockey dads in Canton, despite the township leaders' best intentions, jolted me back to the fifties and early sixties, when home and neighborhood recreation thrived, in contrast to the institutional programs, with their structured fun, that rules the roost in Canton. In those days, I had a backyard ice rink and NBA-size backboard, the kind now banned in many subdivisions.

While I also recalled the old organized leagues at arenas at the State Fair and the Detroit Skating Club, which were necessary to develop skilled hockey players, I opined that unstructured recreation was also necessary to bond neighbors as well as to provides hundreds more hours of play. I was able to play 20-40 hours a week in makeshift equipment, and I could have fun without having to pay hundreds of dollars to suit-up, I wrote. I didn't have to kowtow to an organized league or to have to live up to the expectations of the modern hockey dads who had to pay for the high-tech skates and snazzy NHL-licensed jerseys.

Since my column, a few things have happened.

First, Canton police were recently called into Victory Park to investigate an assault at the soccer arena (no dads). That never happened at my backyard rink or in any of the hundreds of thousands of pickup games I can recall from a childhood when many boys lived for sports.

When I read the police report, rather than marvel how quick my fears were fulfilled, I told myself that modern folks probably welcome police at kids' sports events as readily as they welcome police at public schools — parents of Canton's private, charter, and home school pupils excepted.

Second, an online New York Times made me aware of a coun-

tertrend against the forces of structured recreation. Backyard rinks are coming back.

According to the Times: "Backyard skating rinks are popping up all over, wherever the climate is cold enough to turn water into rock. From New York to Colorado, people are making frozen family playgrounds just steps from their living-room couch. For a few hundred dollars or less, several manufacturers and retailers like Hammacher Schlemmer now sell do-it-yourself backyard rink kits, and demand is skyrocketing. The makers of one kit, Ice N' Go, say they have gone from selling a few hundred six years ago to 7,000 this year."

The kits offer optional heated benches, halogen lights, even portable Zambonis and less expensive ice-resurfacing machines, according to the Times.

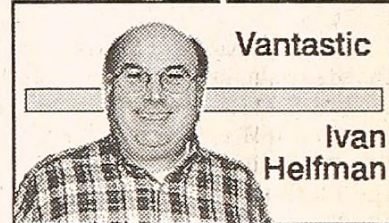
But many of today's backyard rinks are thrown together like my dad made mine. He rolled plastic sheets between upright plywood boards and hosed in thousands of gallons of water.

According to the Times, one dad compared the building of his backyard rink to "a kind of modern-day barn raising, with neighbors and friends donating material and helping put it together."

Another compared backyard rink tending to farming: "There is even romance in nursing a rink through winter, smoothing choppy patches, shoveling off snow... like a farmer minding his fields, spraying a hose to freeze a new surface on top, bracing the frame where water could seep through."

"There certainly has been a lot of interest," Jack Falla, author of "Home Ice: Reflections on Backyard Rinks and Frozen Ponds," told the Times. "It's probably because of a kind of retro, back-to-the-family trend. Maybe part of it is wanting our children to have a piece of something we had in abundance: unstructured time."

While a few of the backyard rinks have been created by hockey or figure skating dads out to mold Junior or Missy into future superstars, most of the parents have built backyard



Vantastic
Ivan Helfman

rinks as a "backlash to hyper-organized youth sports" and as "a way to ensure more family time," according to the Times.

"One of the attractions of the rink is it wasn't organized," one backyard rink building dad told the Times. "Something they could do, invite friends over and do something besides watch TV or play video games."

So take heed Canton parents. A family-friendly recreation alternative is available to you and your kids if you only have the time and the desire to raise your own kids instead of handing them over to the local government.

But thanks to the Times, I see that backyard rinks also offer potential direct relief to taxpayers who don't want to underwrite another \$5 million "public-private partnership" — as opposed to the billions in indirect relief to taxpayers and crime victims that would result from revitalized families and neighborhoods, but that's a topic for another column.

According to the Times, backyard rinks have replaced indoor arenas in Needham, Mass., after high insurance and maintenance put the big fellows out of business.

While I'm unaware of a backlash to so much effort devoted to Victory Park and so little to home or neighborhood recreation in Canton, I am aware of the construction of a few family skateboard ramps, and of suggestions to build neighborhood swimming pools in the wake of the rejected \$8 million county wave pool proposed for Canton by Supervisor Tom Yack, an innovator in the government-structured leisure time area.

Nevertheless, Canton residents should know that alternatives to policed government recreation programs are possible as long as people remain capable of living their own lives.

Creative tax gimmicks bypass voters

When the Headlee Amendment to the state constitution was adopted in the mid 1970s, voters rejoiced that they had finally gotten the politicians under control. No longer could elected officials plunge cities deeper in debt without submitting bond issues and millage increases to the voters for approval.

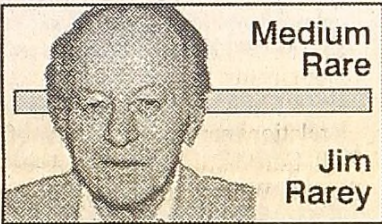
That celebration was short-lived. Almost immediately the legislature with the collusion of the courts and opinions by the Attorney General began carving out exceptions to the Headlee restrictions.

One of the early rulings exempted "special assessment taxes" from the restrictions. Normally reserved for things like street lighting, paving, etc. for a specific limited area, one city creatively designated the entire city as a special assessment district for fire protection. The courts held that the millage imposed for fire department improvements was not subject to the Headlee provision.

The creative legislation that has had the most impact, however, is the statutes that established separate municipal entities within city governments. The two foremost are Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs) and Tax Increment Finance Authorities (TIFAs).

These two organizations, along with Housing and Building Authorities, were given the power to issue bonds with only the approval of city councils, bypassing the voters. Board members are appointed by elected officials and once appointed can only be removed for cause before the end of their terms.

The DDAs and TIFAs get their operating funds by "capturing" the taxes resulting from the increased value of property within the geographic boundaries they are assigned. The appointed board spends



Medium Rare
Jim Rarey

the funds as it sees fit subject only to approval of an annual budget by the city council.

As voters became more and more reluctant to approve bond issues (and millage increases) widespread use has been made of the municipal entities to float bond issues approved only by city councils. The purposes vary but new or renovated city halls seems to be the favorite. Libraries and community centers follow.

The City of Warren is proposing to have its DDA issue bonds to finance a new city hall, library and perhaps other municipal structures. The bonds would be issued over a period of 16 years and add somewhere between \$200 and \$300 million to the city's debt.

When DDAs and TIFAs are used to finance municipal buildings, there is no new revenue since municipal buildings are tax exempt. Indeed, the tax rolls may be decreased if private property is bought or condemned for municipal use. Because of this a procedure has been worked out that is in widespread use.

The DDA or TIFA owns the building or buildings and leases them to the city. The lease payment, which comes out of the general fund, is usually large enough to cover the debt service costs of principal and interest.

One other wrinkle is necessary to complete the voter bypass. It is virtually impossible to find a bond un-

derwriter who will handle the bonds unless it is backed by the "full faith and credit" of the city government. Councils provide the backing claiming it's merely a technicality to give the bonds a lower interest rate.

Romulus officials found out this truism when its council approved a \$20 million bond issue of its TIFA that was loaded with pork for a developer and Wayne County. However, the council had not gotten around to giving the bonds city backing when an election intervened. When an underwriter could not be found the bonds had to be canceled. This allowed the new mayor to negotiate a bond agreement much more favorable to the city for nearly one quarter of the cost.

In addition to the huge Warren project, Allen Park officials are contemplating a new city hall "financed" by its DDA. Of course there would be a lease payment to be made. The typical bond terms do not require any payments during the first year of the bonds so the impact does not show up in the city's budget until the second, or even third, year.

The City of Troy is proposing a \$14 million bond issue through its DDA to renovate its community center. The City of Southgate evidently also sees the advantage of the voter bypass and is talking about establishing its own DDA.

Richard Headlee had a good idea but the politicians and judges have virtually destroyed it. Large slices of taxpayer money are now controlled by unelected bureaucrats and cities are piling up debt for municipal palaces. A day of reckoning is approaching as revenue from the federal and state governments is reduced.

And the voters have had no say in any of it.

Sixties woman brags about her conquests

By BEN E. JET
MCN Staff Writer

Hmm, I'm feeling lost. You could read this column on the Internet, via e-mail, maybe in Canton Eagle or Eye-witness? The good news for me is you're still reading. The rumor is, I am getting a promotion, the column is so popular they are trying to find a spot where it reaches the most people. The reality is Mike Wilcox and Ivan Helfman are still letting me write it. I like to write about people, places and things to do right here in our Western Wayne County area. Fun things. maybe things the whole family can do together.

On occasion I have ideas or opinions, everything from how Michigan Lotto could improve the disbursement of an \$80,000,000 prize to how Matt Miller should run the Lions or what Ted Nugent could say about gun

control.

As hard as it is for me to communicate my own thoughts, I sometimes try to repeat stories I hear around town.

Stories like from the girl I talked to at the Red Apple, who proudly admitted sleeping with over 300 men.

I also heard from a lady in Westland who thought that for someone growing up during the 1960s sexual revolution, 300 was not a lot of partners. I heard from several Red Apple employees, who wanted to make sure everyone understood the girl in question was not an employee, just a customer talking to the guy with the beard.

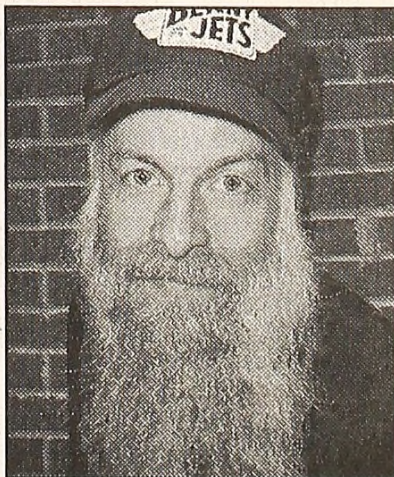
I heard from Pam, who saw some teenagers being arrested. She felt the officer was being overly rough on the already handcuffed kids. She was also unhappy to see other officers seem to look the other way.

I might note, I drive around a lot late at night. I think our area police are the very best.

I heard from Brandon Taylor, the lead singer of Velkro, who is often compared to Kid Rock. He says his band is performing at the Bullfrog in Redford. The band Bridge has been at the US-12, Government Honey at Jamie's, Cactus Jumpers at Club Canton.

Brandon also heard about a special show Saturday, February 16, 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.: Detroit legend Gino Washington, of "Gino is a Coward" fame, and Jeff and The Atlantics at the Greektown Casino in Detroit. The Westland Downtown Development Authority has honored a local moving company with its Business Recognition Award. The award went to our friend Gary Bulson, of Men on the Move.

Gary works with the Westland Festival Committee, Westland Business



Ben E. Jet

Owners Association, and the Westland Chamber of Commerce. He is also a classic car owner, a Buddy Holly fan and an all around good guy! For more information or to contact Ben E. Jet, call (313) 730-1627 or surf to WWW.BENNYANDTHEJETS.COM.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

More cars mean more gas stations

To the editor:

I'm in the writing mood today so bear with me. There were a number of subjects in the Sound-Off column that attracted my attention.

A senior wrote about the so-called abundance of gas stations in Wayne and the lack of places a senior could buy clothing.

Too many gas stations: You and I can remember the time when gas stations were closed and empty of any business in this city. There must have been too many gas stations at that time. Economics 101 will tell you that if you don't have customers to buy your product, you are either selling the wrong product or there are not enough customers in need of your product.

Economics 202 will tell you that if there are more people driving cars and more cars being built you need more gas stations. I keep hearing that the life expectancy is getting higher and higher, so I know that there are more people. I know that more automobiles are being built. I heard last year 17 million cars were built and that only 300,000 were taken off from the road. That means that 16,300,000 were added to the highways of this country. Do the math.

As to the statement of too many gas stations in Wayne: Upon entering Wayne city limits at Hannan Road on Eastbound Michigan Avenue, the first gas station that you come to is the Clark station, East of Howe Road.

The proposed site of Michigan and Elizabeth is the first buildable site you come to. A proposed station near the truck plant was turned down two years ago. Being involved with businesses in the past, I am sure that the buider looked at all of the demographics of accessibility, traffic patterns and such and they came to the same conclusion that I did, to whit: This is a fine location to build a convenience store gas station.

Lack of stores to buy clothing: For a long time the people in Wayne bought their clothes in the City of Wayne. When Northland and Westland Shopping Centers were built; that's where the people of Wayne took their money. Soon the merchants of Wayne had to either specialize or go out of business.

Lazars specialized in the big and tall sector and lasted for a long time. I can remember when Wayne had five men's dothing stores: Mull-hands, Lazars, Milt Humphery's, Faber's and Lee Adam's. Would you consider five men's stores too many?

Now here's what is happening are this area and around the country. The larger stores move in and drive the small operation out of business. Then another similar business moves in and another and another. Pretty soon the big boys are chewing each other up and spitting them into Chapter 11, then Chapter 7. They're all dropping like fly's.

Pretty soon the remaining one has used up their resources fighting

All council members support station

To the editor:

I'm writing about a particular segment of your latest Sound Off column. Among the anonymously phoned-in diatribes was a particularly revolting piece connecting Wayne's new mayor, Al Haidous, and a recently approved plan to build a gas station at Michigan Avenue and Elizabeth.

This nameless caller accuses Mr. Haidous of spearheading the effort to permit a developer from East Dearborn to build the gas station as a reward for campaign contributions. The caller then parlays this baseless accusation into a chastisement of voters for failing to retain Bob Dickerson as mayor.

What baffles me is why the caller chose to link the mayor with the developer when, indeed, six other council members voted in favor of the project -- including Mr. Dickerson.

So, if an overwhelming majority approved the motion to allow the gas station, what would make this anonymous caller single out Haidous as a target for aspersions? Why not Dickerson, or one of the others?

Well, one need not to be a shamus to understand that the caller is insinuating a commonality between Mr. Haidous and the developer from East Dearborn that no one else on council could have -- namely, they are both Arabic -- the supposition being that their ethnicity alone is enough to prove collusion.

And the undisclosed accuser was able to perpetrate this bigotry because the Michigan Community Newspapers

abetted in their anonymity. History has shown over and over that racism prefers to lash out clandestinely -- whether hiding behind hoods and sheets or hotlines to local newspapers that print xenophobic slander without attribution.

The truth is that Al Haidous has an even deeper connection with this particular developer than ethnicity. It's the same connection that myself and most of you readers are privileged to have -- we're Americans.

And despite what this venomous caller would like you to believe, there are no degrees of American. You are, or you aren't.

My ancestors landed in Philadelphia nearly three centuries ago, yet I am no more American than this man who began his life on the other side of the planet, but chose to make Wayne his home. And, as attested to by the voters of Wayne, Mr. Haidous has dedicated himself to bettering the lot of his fellow Americans.

Does the letter of the law permit these cowardly Sound Off callers to spew their slanderous blather into a telephone message machine? Most assuredly.

But there's a spirit to the law as well -- a spirit of accountability. When such accusations are submitted anonymously, the callers forfeit their credibility. And when you print these unattributed grouings, you, as a newspaper, disqualify yourself as a medium for legitimate public discourse.

Ralph Welton
Canton

off the other flies and then end up in Chapter 11, too. The end result is that you can't buy fill in the blank anywhere, anymore. (Boy am I glad that Northside Hardware still survives. Why don't you ask Phil Kaplan how he does it?)

Then you hear people complain, "There's no place I can buy a decent pair of shoes." Wayne used to have at least 6 places to buy shoes. Where did you buy your shoes after Westland/Northland opened up? Don't tell me, let me guess. And why, because their prices were better than Lazars, Gladstones, Lee Adams, Richard Brothers, Shoeland and Lee Adams.

Personal service meant nothing, price is what counted. After the malls lured you there with their personalized service, they found out employees cost money, money equates profit and the layoffs came. Personal service went down the drain.

You can't find an employee anymore in the store. She's the only one on duty and she is busy ringing up sales, putting away stock, calling the main store to complain about lack of help, going to late lunch and even later dinner. Well, you get the picture.

We may want back the old days, but it's too late now. We spoke with our money our feet and, we took them out of town. I wouldn't open a clothing store in Wayne and I doubt that you would either.

So what's a fella supposed to do? Why, jump in your Mustang Cobra, hit the nearest gas station, put the pedal to the medal, drive to Birch Run and complete all of your shopping in one place. Oh, and you'd better haul a trailer behind that Cobra, it may be fast and sporty, but it lacks storage space.

Till another time,
Ed McMurray

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Community Development Block Grant
Uses of Funds

On February 19, 2002, in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Van Buren Township will hold the second of two public hearings in order to receive comments from residents of the community on the proposed use of the Township's 2002-2003 Community Development Block Grant funds. The estimated funding level for the 2002-2003 CDBG Budget year is \$169,000.

The CDBG program gives priority to those qualified activities which further national objectives. These objectives are:

- To assist low and moderate-income persons
- To address slum or blight conditions
- To meet a particularly urgent community development need

The meeting will take place at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road. The following projects are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees:

Senior Services	\$50,000
ADA Improvements	\$87,100
Planning	\$16,900
Administration	\$15,000

Total Funding: \$169,000

Joanna D. Payne, CMC, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD JANUARY 28, 2002 IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY
HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth

Absent: None

Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the agenda as amended.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 14, 2002.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 17, 2003.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Gear, Miller, Romak. Motion Carried.

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the City to proceed as directed and retain Neil Silver as Special Counsel in the property on the southwest corner of Wick and Shook matter.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4B. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to authorize Council attendance at the Seminar on Brownfield redevelopment.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller. Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 01/02-6 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Beverly Road Construction Fund				
Revenues				
401-000-00-665.000	Investment Earnings	0	50,000	50,000
401-000-00-672.100	Special Assessments	0	82,741	82,741
Beverly Road				
401-000-00-695.100	Bond Proceeds	0	3,300,000	3,300,000
401-000-00-699.101	Transfer In - General Fund	0	46,664	46,664
401-000-00-699.592	Transfer In - Water & Sewer Fund	0	350,000	350,000
Expenditures				
401-000-00-824.000	Bond Issuance Costs	0	50,000	50,000
401-000-00-955.200	Project Costs	0	3,650,000	3,650,000
401-000-00-998.401	Interest/Beverly Road	0	95,844	95,844
401-000-00-999.000	Agent Fees	0	700	700

To establish Beverly Road Construction Fund budgetary accounts.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla. Nays - Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Motion Failed.

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to authorize the

Mayor to enter into the Corporate Card and Comerica Multi Card Service Agreement with Comerica Bank.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Governor/Mayor Lease Agreement with Ford Motor Company for a term of one year with a monthly lease payment of 4463.00.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an employment agreement with SM Jones Marketing Communications, Inc. to provide professional public relations service to the City of Romulus.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Prybyla. Motion Carried.

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to schedule the following Budget Workshop Sessions and Public Hearing in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48714 for the purpose of reviewing the Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Budget as follows:

DATE	TIME	ITEM
April 8, 2002	6:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop Session
April 22, 2002	6:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop Session
May 6, 2002	6:30 p.m.	Public Hearing

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to appoint David J. Paul, Director of the Department of Public works as the Street Administrator for the 2002 calendar year and to adopt a Performance and Indemnification resolution as required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of issuing permits to the City of Romulus to perform work within a state right of way.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A3. Item deleted.

9. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to send letters of appreciation acknowledging years of dedicated service to immediate past Department heads and coordinators.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the payment of Warrant 02-02 in the grand total amount of Six Hundred and Eleven Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$611,178.90).
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify me foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 28, 2002.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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OBITUARIES

BAUMAN, OLGA, 82, of Belleville, passed away January 17. The former Olga Kolesnikoff married Desmond W. Bauman on December 27, 1941 and preceded her in death on October 5, 1974. Dear mother of Nina (Dave) Normandin, Desmond (Arlene) Bauman Jr., Daryl (Pat) Bauman, Paula La Rowe, and Robert Bauman. Dear daughter of the late Alexander and Eva (Gorbacev) Kolesnikoff. Dearest sister of Nina Bodenmiller and Sophia (Richard) Normandin. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Loving grandmother of Kelly Jo Keyes; Christina and Bradley Bauman; Joseph, Michael, and Derrick Mastie; James and Jacob Emerick; and great-grandmother of Rachel, Zachary, and Chelsea Berger; and James Emerick III. Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother Gene Kole and her sister Olivia Koles. She was employed through AARP to work at September Days Senior Center in Belleville. She did home care also for several years. Olga was a very devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She also really loved to swim. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville with Rev. Margaret Burgeson officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Hospice of Michigan (Taylor Chapter).

BELL II, REGINALD, 40, of Inkster (born in Detroit to Reginald and Linda Gray) passed away December 30. He loved to swim and play basketball. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Priscilla; daughter, Shavon; grandparents, John and Thelma Ratcliff; ten brothers and sisters; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Virgil Humes officiating

BROWNING, ARNOLD "SLICK" C., 54, of Romulus, passed away January 26. Loving husband of Marie Browning. Beloved father of Eric C. (Karle J.) Browning of Tecumseh. Dearest brother of Ray D. (Christine) Browning of 4 Mile, KY; Raymond (Hannah) Browning of Pineville, KY; and Lana (Bob) Gambrel of Eldredge, KY. Preceded in death by his sister Claudine. Mr. Browning was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge. Area arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home. Out of town arrangements were made by Durham Funeral Home, in Pineville, KY. Interment followed at Browning Cemetery, Laurel Hill, KY.

DAVIS, WILLIE MAE, 76, of Inkster (born in Hillsboro, AL to Ernest and Virgil Lewis), passed away January 13. She was a member of the Senior Choir and Willing Womens Auxilliary. She leaves to rejoice in her home going her sons, Robert, Joe, and Mike; her daughters, Mattie, Donna, and Annie; three sisters; seventeen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Gethsamane Baptist Church with Rev. Willie W. Davis officiating.

DENNY SR., THOMAS "FRANK", 69, of Ypsilanti, passed away January 26. Beloved husband of Ellen M. (Stitman) Denny. Dear father of Stella M. Dreher of Belleville, Brenda L. (David) Craven of Belleville, Thomas F. (Cindy) Denny Jr. of Ypsilanti, and Marlene S. O'Hare of New Boston. Dear son of the late Charley Woodrow Franklin and Cassie Leola (Wilson) Denny. Dearest brother of Mack (Louise) Denny of AL, Jo Gordon of AL, and Faye (Pete) Wilson of Flint. Loving grandfather of Jerry (Catherine), John (Amanda), Alana, Adam, Nick, Matt, Joel, Jessica, Jimmy, and Jason; great-grandfather of Jaiden. Preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and three sisters. Mr. Denny was employed at the Cadillac Plant in Livonia, retiring 20 years ago. Mr. Denny also served as the UAW Committeeman. He earned a lifetime membership to the Belleville Masonic Temple. Mr. Denny enjoyed horses and horse racing. He also loved his farm. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White Pastor of Grace Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed at Washtenog Memorial Park, Ann Arbor.

FENN, MARY LOU, 62, of Belleville, passed away January 21. Beloved wife of David R. Fenn. Dear mother of George (Theresa) of Fletcher, OK and Deborah (Lewis) of Ypsilanti. Dear daughter of Aretus and Ivy (Sayer) Sexton of Pleasant Plains, AR. Dearest sister of Donald (Marilyn) of California and Ruth Ann (Alan) of Maine. Also survived by six grandchildren. She was employed by the University of Michigan Hospital after graduating from Chelsea High School in 1957. After her marriage she worked on the Fenn Farm until later being employed by Spring Arbor Warehouse until they closed. Mrs. Fenn also worked for P.S.S.C. Mary Lou was known for her generosity and caring for others. She was very talented in many crafts, including painting, sewing, and knitting. She also loved the Colorado Mountains. Cremation rites have been accord-

ed. Interment of her ashes was held at Alban Cemetery on the Fenn Family lot in Ypsilanti. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

FRAZIER, VICKIE L., 45, of Inkster (born in El Darado, AK to A.J. and Dorothy Frazier), passed away January 14. She enjoyed going to church and writing poetry. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughter, Sharnette; granddaughter, Kenyatta; four sisters; three brothers; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Greater First Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. W.W. Goode officiating.

HALL, ALBERT T., 83, passed away January 18. Beloved husband of Mildred. Dear father of Albert (Mary), Sally Giffin, and Jeanne (Thomas) Jorgensen. Dearest grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of nine. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home of Wayne with Rev. Robert Joy officiating.

HOOD, AUDREY L., 66, of Wayne, (born to Alonzo and Elizabeth Dixon in Detroit) passed away December 17. She was known for her cooking and crocheting. She leaves behind to cherish her memories her daughters, Paula, Marcia, Beth, and Kristine; her sons, Robert and Nathan; two sisters; twenty-three grandchildren; great-grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Great Hayes Christian Cathedral with rev. Odie Hoover officiating.

MICHLING, LILA M., 71, of New Boston, passed away January 17. Dear mother of Larry Arnold Michling of New Boston, Ronald Douglas Michling of Carleton, and Michael Keith Michling of New Boston. Dear daughter of the late Emmett and Ella (Schultz) Schmidt. Dearest sister of Clifford Schmidt, Harold Schmidt of Taylor, and Iva (Fred) Fanter of Irons; and sister-in-law of William Coats of Taylor. Loving grandmother of Timothy Ryan Michling of New Boston. Preceded in death by her husband Arnold Elmer Michling; sisters Mildred Coats and Vera Kalascz; brothers Richard and Emmett Schmidt. She was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of New Boston. Mrs. Michling liked to read especially romance novels. She enjoyed going up north, playing video games, listening to music, watching TV and dining out with her grandson. Funeral services were

held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston with Rev. D. Lee Cullen Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

LIVERANCE, LUELLA IRENE, 92, of Livonia, passed away January 25. Loving wife of the late Harold Liverance. Funeral services were held at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Westland with Rev. David Furno officiating. Interment followed at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Funeral arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

PURVIS, RASHAWN, 11, of Inkster (born in Garden City to Kevin Merchant and Carlette Purvis), passed away December 14. He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, Kevin Merchant and Carlette Purvis; sister, Kiara; his grandparents; great-grandparents; family and well wishers. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willis Davis officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

RANCE, DAVID A., 78, of New Boston (Sumpter Township), passed away January 25. Beloved husband of the late Louise (Arthur) Rance. Dearest father of Tony (Julie) Rance of Inkster; David (Tracie) Rance of Columbus, GA; Lisa Rance of New Boston; and Kelly (Valerie) Rance of New Boston. Loving grandfather of Renee and Alexis Rance. Dear son of the late Anthony W. and Maude (Thrower) Rance. Dear brother of Frank (Agnes) Rance of Detroit. Dear uncle of Sandra Rance of Detroit and great-uncle of Darian Stefan of Detroit. Preceded in death by his wife Louise, his son James Rance, and his sister Mabel. Mr. Rance was retired from the Chrysler Jefferson Plant. He also served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII. He loved to work in his yard, farm, and fix whatever needed repairing. Funeral services were held David C. Brown Funeral Home with Mr. Rance's son Kelly Rance officiating. Interment followed at Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton Township.

SAKSEWSKI, STEVEN E., 23, of Westland, passed away January 20 after receiving injuries in a snowmobile accident in Northern Michigan. Steven attended Belleville High School and was a varsity soccer player and a graduate of the class of 1996. He was a senior at Eastern Michigan University and was planning to receive his degree in biolo-

gy later this year. Dear son of Stanley F. and Sherrie L. (Slavick) Saksewski of Belleville. Beloved grandson of Stanley and Lillian Saksewski of Belleville; and Georgia Slavick of Belleville. Dearest brother of Mark (Jennifer) Saksewski of Belleville and Keri Saksewski of Kalamazoo. Also survived by other relatives, many friends, and his rabbit hunting dog Ginger. Preceded in death by his grandfather Earl Slavick. He was employed by the Ford/Visteon plant in Plymouth and was a member of the UAW Local 845. Steven was an extremely hard worker but enjoyed his free time to the fullest extent. He felt there were only three seasons hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. He died doing what he loved to do most. His family stated that they loved him and will miss him very much. Funeral mass was held at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville with Father Thomas Cusick serving as Celebrant. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

SWAFFER, FLORENCE W., 90, of Ypsilanti, passed away January 15. Dear mother of Thomas W. Swaffer; Fred L. (Jean) Swaffer of Half Moon Bay, CA; Roberta A. (Richard) Hunter of Belleville; James E. (Margaret) Swaffer of Belleville, and John D. (Cynthia) Swaffer of Sugarcreek, OH. Dear daughter of the late William and Emma (Lewerenz) Gorlitz. Beloved sister of Helena Bunyea of Belleville. Also survived by twenty-three grandchildren and thirty-six great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, Thomas E. Swaffer; and also her brothers, Fred Gorlitz and William Gorlitz. Florence was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church of Belleville. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville with Dr. Paul D. Bostwick officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Maranatha Baptist Church OR THE Arbor Hospice and Home Care.

TESSANNE, ETHEL ELIZABETH, 74, of Franklin, OH, passed away January 28. Dear wife of the late Fredrick Tessanne. Loving mother of Robert Tessanne, Larry Tessanne, Norman Tessanne, Linda Granton, Iris Sparks, Beatrice VanCamp, Dorothy Tessanne, James Tessanne, Yvonne Wendell, Pearl Fisher, Ruth White, Fred Tessanne, and the late Paul Tessanne. Also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home of Westland with Rev. Rocky

Barra officiating. Interment followed at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

WIENKAUF, VERNA S., 85, of Union Pier, Michigan (Formerly of Belleville), passed away January 28. Dear mother of Anita (Robert) Laich of Westland, Jack (Joanne) Wienkauf of Belleville, Adam (Kathy) Ulbin of Brooklyn, and Yvonne (Kenneth) Kieft of Bridgeman. Dear daughter of the late Wojiek and Magdalena (Rystak) Gola. Dear sister of Frances Sokolowski of Santa Cruz, CA. Also survived by eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her

husband Elmer; her brothers, Joe, George, and Alex Gola; and her sister Olga Elias. Verna was a member of September Days Senior Citizens. She was also active in many of her church's functions. Funeral services were held at Antioch Baptist, where she was a member, with Pastor Edwin Reese officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Antioch Baptist Church or the Hospice of Stevensville. Funeral arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

CITY OF INKSTER
INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Inkster will receive sealed bids at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan until 11:00 A.M. Monday, March 1, 2002 at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read for:

TWO PORTABLE SCALES

Specifications and bid forms are available in the Purchasing Department, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Information regarding specifications should be directed to Officer Lashaw Smithon at (313) 563-9850 ext. #115 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE CITY OF INKSTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, TO AWARD SPLIT BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES AND ACCEPT ANY BID IT MAY DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

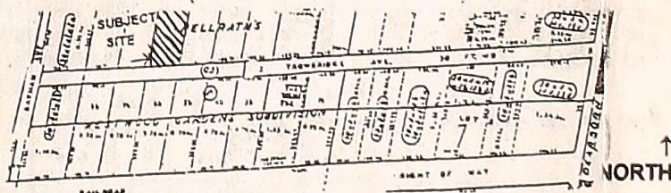
Kimberly Turner
City Clerk
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, Michigan 48141

PUBLISH: February 14, 2002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER,
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ACT 207 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR 1921 AS AMENDED, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S PLANNING COMMISSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN, 48141. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO CONSIDER A REQUEST BY SKYTEL PAGING SYSTEMS FOR APPROVAL TO INSTALL DIRECTIONAL AND OMNI DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA AT 104' LEVEL ALSO DIG 1-6 HOLE FOR PIPE AND CONCRETE FOR SATELLITE DISH AS REQUIRED PER SECTION 155.048(C)(12), AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 277 (CITY ZONING CODE). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON TROWBRIDGE BETWEEN BEECH DALY ROAD AND BAYHAN AVENUE AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:

COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS, PAGE 99, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00°09'20" W 412.44 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6, THENCE S 89°50'40" E 24.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 00°09'20" E 30.00 FEET; THENCE S 89°50'40" E 21.00 FEET; THENCE S 00°09'20" W 30.00 FEET THENCE N 89°50'40" W 22.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING A PART OF SAID LOT 6; CONTAINING 660 SQ. FT. OR 0.015 ACRES MORE OR LESS; SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY, TOGETHER WITH A 20 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESSEGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS PAGE 99, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00°09'20" W 530.32 FEET ALONG TH4E WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6 TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF TROWBRIDGE ROAD (50 FT. WIDE), THENCE N 79°03'40" E 94.81 FEET ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHTOF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 04°19'03" W 110.51 FEET; THENCE N 89°50'40" W 37.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING; AND TCGETHER WITH A 6 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLA'S, PAGE 99, WANE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00°09'20" W 328.21 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 68°00'17" E 29.74 FEET; THENCE S 09°09'20" W 43.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING (PROPERTY ID# 44-020-03-0006-306, COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS 26427 TROWBRIDGE)



PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED. PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY SEND THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, 2121 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141. COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH 12:00 NOON, FEBRUARY 14, 2002. PLEASE REFERENCE CASE NO. PC02-01 IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UPON FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY OF INKSTER AT (313) 563-3211.

Lawrence Chastang
City of Inkster Planning Commission

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LAST DAY OF
REGISTRATION
SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF WESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Westwood Community School District, Wayne County, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Westwood Community School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty-Four Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$44,700,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of

erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary, a new middle school and additions to the high school; remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping existing school buildings, including educational technology improvements; purchasing land and developing and improving sites, playgrounds, playfields, athletic and outdoor physical education facilities?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, will not exceed thirty (30) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2002 is 8.70 mills (\$8.70 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 8.67 mills (\$8.67 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19,2002, IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2002. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2002, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Westwood Community School District, Wayne County, Michigan.

Secretary, Board of Education

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Upset puts Mega-Red title race out of focus

Belleville's lead is cut to 1-game by River Rouge

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Belleville's basketball bubble burst Friday night at River Rouge.

Within a victory from celebrating the coveted Mega-Red Division championship outright, first-year Coach Mike Krogel and the Tigers were forced to postpone the celebration by Rouge which won a thrilling come-from behind 58-57 decision from the Tigers.

The loss left the league-leader's a victory shy of the championship.

Belleville must win one of the two games they have scheduled for this week to clinch the title. They faced Romulus on the home turf Tuesday night and

will remain home Friday to take on Willow Run.

"We're 9-1 and Rouge is 8-2 going into the week," explained Krogel, who is rounding out his first year as head coach. "Obviously, this thing isn't over yet."

Rouge will be at Romulus on Friday and beating Coach Guy DelGiudice's Eagles on the home court will not be an easy task for the Panthers.

Belleville blew a 10-point lead in the third quarter at Rouge, and Krogel was dismayed that his team atypically didn't remain focus on its task.

It was close the first half as Rouge, behind Dominique Crawford and Daniel Trotter moved to an 18-15 lead. Those numbers were reversed in the Tigers' favor in the second peri-

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od as the two Mega-Red rivals settled for a 33-all tie at half-time.

Playing a cautious and more deliberate basketball in the third quarter, the two teams scored a total of 21 points that still left the Tigers shy a three-pointer (45-42) of catching up. But when Belleville scored the first 10 points of the fourth peri-

od as Darrell Hudson, Alex Davenport, James Holmes and Mike Hall each scored a basket, it looked like the conference crown was all of Belleville's.

Rouge came back, however, and tied it at 56 on Crawford's basket and a Belleville turnover set the stage for DeAndre Pruitt's pivotal rebound. His tip-in gave the Panthers a 58-47 lead.

Then, with four seconds left, Belleville's Jerriel Burrus was deliberated hammered as he unleashed a three-pointer. With no time on the clock, the officials awarded the all-around athlete three free throws.

Burrus stepped to the foul line and immediately sank the first; the second bounced off the rim and the third did likewise, and the Tigers had to settle for the heartbreaking 58-57 loss.

"It was an opportunity that we obviously did not capitalize upon," said Krogel later.

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If the Tigers should falter against the Eagles Tuesday

night, Belleville will have the home floor advantage in Friday night's Mega-Red finale with Willow Run. Willow Run and Belleville have locked horns on the hardwood and in recent years the encounters have always been tests of true grit.

"Losing to Rouge like we did was not easy," the Belleville coach offered. "It isn't easy to forget losses like that, but we have to. This is the part of the season we have all been working for - it's now becomes a test on how strong we really are."

Romulus should not be a problem for the defending Mega-Red champs and, if they are, you can bet that the Willow Run Flyers are going to come after the wounded Tigers with everything they go.

3 teams share Western Lakes lead

Canton bounces back to beat Harrison, 52-46

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After playing what was probably their worst game of the basketball season Tuesday night that cost them a 15-point setback against Westland John Glenn, Plymouth-Canton coach Jeremy Rheault regrouped his Chiefs and bounced back against a pesky Farmington Hills Harrison, 52-46, Friday night.

Canton jumped off to 14-9 lead and led wire-to-wire against Harrison which refused to quit. The hosts stayed within range, 25-21, at the intermission and trailed only by six, 42-36, for three periods. The difference also in the final score.

"They came within two midway in the fourth quarter," Rheault recalled, "but our kids never relinquished the lead. I felt our defense was the key to this victory. But we still appear to lack the offense that I feel we are capable of."

Canton's Andy Meagrow led the Chiefs with 14 points. He was the only player to score in double figures for the Chiefs. Steve Thornton was next, with nine, while Jason Priebe and Kyle Lasko each contributed eight points. Canton also had a 11 of 14 night at the free throw line.

Harrison's Matt Elysie, who drilled five three-pointers, finished the night with 21 points, for individual scoring honors.

Canton had its problems against John Glenn, an erratic team that keeps on surprising the front runners. The Rockets exploded to an 18-10 lead and,

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Jeremy Rheault

with Dwight Bankhead nailing a pair of treys and all of his 12 points in the second period, the Westlanders bolted to a 36-23 lead and never looked back. Glenn had a 22-point lead, 50-28, after three quarters as Coach Joel Lloyd substituted freely midway in the third quarter.

Darnell Wilson continued to fuel the Rockets' scoring machine as he scored a game high 23 points. Bankhead finished with 12, while Jerret Smith scored eight for the Rockets, who also made 12 of 16 of their attempts at the free throw line.

Billy Gazsi was the top scorer for the Chiefs. He had 10 for Canton which also made good on eight of 12 free throws.

Rheault and the Chiefs should improve on their Western Lakes Conference record as they face winless conference cellar-dweller Farmington and then take on Livonia Franklin on Friday. The Chiefs will have home court advantage for both games.

The Chiefs began the week with a 5-4 conference record and an 8-7 overall mark



Plymouth Canton's Steve Thornton (42) looks as the ball slips through the hoop in a game the Chiefs lost to natural rival, Plymouth-Salem, earlier this month. The Chiefs remained in a tailspin against Westland John Glenn and fell to the Rockets by 15. They bounced back Friday night at Farmington Hills Harrison to improve their Western Lakes record to 5-4. In the meantime, Salem stayed alive in the title race with a close victory over Glenn. Three teams, including Salem, Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Western are tied for first as the week begins. Photo by Carl Brown

Salem stays 'alive' with win over Glenn

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Hanging on to a fragile lead throughout the game, Plymouth-Salem edged host, Westland John Glenn, 51-48, in a make-up game Saturday night to stay alive in the race for the Western Lakes Conference basketball championship.

Coach Bob Brodie's Rocks, 7-2 in the conference, are tied for first place with Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Western. If all three teams win their remaining two conference games, the conference will have tri-champs for the first time in recent memory.

Salem had a chance to grab sole possession of first Tuesday night, but the Rocks lost a 51-45 decision to Stevenson.

"We need to win both of our games this week if we want to share the title," said Brodie, whose ball club faces an improved Farmington Harrison team on Tuesday and the last place Farmington on Friday in their final two games.

"We have an excellent chance of winning, but you don't win with words. You win them on the floor. It's up to the kids."

Salem survived a close call at Glenn Saturday night. Although the Rocks led from start to finish, they never managed to put the determined Rockets away until the final seconds. A cluster of free throws in the final minutes saved the day for Brodie. Pat Abraham sank two from the foul line with less than 40 seconds remaining that sealed the victory.

Abraham finished with a game high 16 points, one point more than sharpshooter Dave Hoskins

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who knocked down 15 points.

Darnell Wilson kept the Rocks in the game thanks to his 22-point output. No other Glenn player scored in double figures.

Glenn led 12-11 at the end of the first period, but Salem outscored their hosts 17-11 in the second period as they went on a 9-0 run. The Salem run stretched to 14-0 in the third period that pulled the visitors away, 28-23, a lead they never gave back. The Rocks also outscored Glenn 15-12 in the third period before the two teams decided to play a cat-and-mouse game.

Salem had its problems finding the basket against a Stevenson team that held on to a 51-45 victory and its share of first place. Thanks to Hoskins' effort in the fourth period, the Rocks closed to within two after trailing 13-7 and 19-18 after the first two periods.

Hoskins tossed in a game high 20 points in a game that could have gone either way.

"We couldn't make the baskets when we needed and we also missed a couple of lay-ups," Brodie explained. "It was a big game for both of us. I guess they wanted it a little more than we did."



Plymouth-Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie (above) studies his options after the Rocks split last week. Salem is in a three-way tie for first place with Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Western. If the Rocks win their next two they could wrap up a third of the 2002 championship. Photo by Carl Brown

Father beats son...again

Shorthanded Romulus awaits Rouge

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After beating up on his son's team Tuesday night, Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice took a make-shift lineup to Monroe on Saturday and paid the consequences for not having his regulars available.

DelGiudice's Eagles dropped a 61-42 Mega-Red decision to the Trojans in a game that was originally scheduled to be played Feb. 1, but was canceled due to the storm storm.

"We were shorthanded against Monroe," said DelGiudice who faces the top of the conference standings this week. (They played

league-leader Belleville on Tuesday and will host River Rouge on Friday). "We promoted three of our junior varsity players to varsity for the game."

The Eagles are expected to have senior Charles Searcy, Mike Christopher and Ron Buckley back for the Rouge game.

DelGiudice says that his team's defense collapsed in the fourth period at Monroe. In that period, Monroe rattled the visitors 23-5 to break open what was until then a close game. The Eagles trailed 15-11 after the first period and remained in range 29-22 at half-time. With Derrick Robinson's help Romulus cut Monroe's lead to 38-37 before Mike Com-

stock rallied the hosts in the last frame.

Comstock was uncanny at the free throw line where he sank 13 of 14 attempts. His teammates made 23 of 25 free throws against the Eagles. In the meantime, Romulus capitalized on 12 of 20 foul shots.

Robinson was the only Romulus player to break the two-digit scoring barrier. He scored a total of 11 points. Comstock's 25 points led all scorers.

What had to be a first in Fordson's long and outstanding basketball history, Romulus held the Tractors scoreless in the first period and parlayed a 9-0 lead to a 25-10 advantage at half-time be-

fore going on to win a 53-26 Mega Conference crossover game.

Fordson is coached by Jeff DelGiudice, who also is the Romulus coach's son.

Searcy, who was available for this game, scored 10 of the Eagles' 53 points, while sophomore center Ron Coleman chipped in with nine. Coleman also grabbed 11 rebounds.

As the week begins, Romulus finds itself in the middle of the pack and is playing the role of "spoiler" as the Eagles prepare to meet Belleville and Rouge.

"They both have to play us," said DelGiudice. "It's a good opportunity for us to play the best in the league."

Inkster gets even with natural rival Robichaud

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Like the song goes, the second-time around is sweeter.

It was, indeed, for Inkster and coach Steve Brooks who avenged a first-round Mega-White loss to natural opponents, Robichaud, with a daring come-from-behind 70-66 victory.

"We just didn't want to lose this time," said Brooks. "If you recall they beat us in OT the first time we met this season. We just couldn't allow that to happen again."

However, it almost did.

Tied at 14 all at the end of the first period, Robichaud managed to pull ahead by three, 24-21, thanks to the efforts of senior center Marcus Johnson and Andre Harris who rallied the troops with their all-around play.

But the Vikings turned to their defense in the third quarter and held the visitors to 10 points as the Vikings went to work. Baskets by Brandon Dawson, Dwayne Jones and Victor Morris lifted the hosts to a 50-49 advantage for three periods which set the stage for a pit-bull fight to the

end.

Dawson scored nine of his game high 24 points in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. Morris added 18 points while Jones finished with 11 as the Vikings managed to make 23 of 39 offerings at the free throw line.

Lamont Parker who had a big steal down the stretch that led to an easy lay-up, lifting the Vikings to a four-point lead, finished the game with nine points. Tony Briggs, a 6-3 forward, also played a pivotal role in the Inkster victory. His contributions included eight points, seven re-

bounds, four assists and two steals.

Johnson sank a team high 20 points while Harris came off the hardwood with 12 points. The Bulldogs made 14 of 24 points in a game that Brooks labeled "as a big victory."

"They beat us in our house; we beat them in theirs," said Brooks later.

But, on Friday, Dearborn cashed in on six technical fouls in the final minutes of the game for a 59-55 victory over Brooks' Vikings.

Despite the lack of manpower - Inkster suits up only eight players -

the Vikings forced the visiting Pioneers to sweat it out right down to the final buzzer. The Pioneers led 21-17 and 35-32 after the first two periods, but Inkster got an exceptional performance out of Jones, who scored 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, to close within one point, 43-42, for three periods.

A rash of calls against Inkster midway in the fourth period led to protests by Brooks who was called for the outcries and paid for them with technicals.

"I have to be proud of our kids and the sportsmanship they displayed during the controversy," said Brooks. "I thought the calls were not justified and told the officials that. With 36 seconds left and we were trailing by two, one of my players was fouled and they missed it. And I got angry."

Brooks and the Vikings will have an opportunity to take their frustration out on three opponents this week: They played Kennedy on Tuesday, then entertain league-leader Highland Park on Wednesday and will travel to Fordson Friday night.

Ypsi 'deliberately' turns back Wayne Memorial, 28-25

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Patience paid off for Ypsilanti who managed to eke out a 28-25 Mega Conference, Red Division basketball victory over Wayne Memorial Friday night.

In an atypical game of single-digit scoring in all but the second period, Wayne could not get Ypsilanti to speed up the pace.

"We played great defense," said

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We played great defense, but we also made only one of 14 from the floor in the fourth quarter and that killed us.

Wayne coach Wayne Woodard

Braves replied with David Betts, who scored a three-pointer in the third period that helped the visitors erase the deficit.

At intermission the game was tied

at 15-all.

Would you believe that the two teams scored a total of eight points - two baskets each - in the third period and were tied at 19 moving into the

final quarter?

Ypsilanti collected seven of their 28 points at the free throw line where Wayne managed to make four of seven offerings.

It wasn't a surprise that no player scored in double figures, and that has to be a first for both schools. Brian Hearst, Wayne's sophomore forward, led the Zebras with a total of seven points, while Mike Wiard was the top scorer for the game. He had nine.

The pace should quicken tonight for Woodard and the Ze-

bras who will make up the canceled Feb. 1 Mega-Red game with Willow Run. Game time is at 7 p.m. at Willow Run. Then, Friday night, Wayne will travel to Monroe where the Trojans will be gunning for their conference rivals.

Incidentally, Wayne was without the services of three of its starters for the Ypsilanti game. And they hopefully will be ready to go this week.

Woodard's ball club began the week with a 4-6 Mega-Red record. They stand 5-9 overall.

Wayne softball registration continues

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department this week will continue accepting registration for its 2002 girls softball league programs.

Prospective players may sign up daily from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the Wayne Recreation Complex, Howe and Annapolis Roads.

There is a \$45 registration fee for residents; the fee is \$55 for non-residents.

A parent's signature, the participant's birth certificate, and registration fee must be submitted at the time of registration.

Recreation officials say that this summer they will field leagues in the following divisions: Pee Wee League, ages 8 to 11; Junior League, ages 12 to 14; and Senior League, ages 15 to 18.

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Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms.

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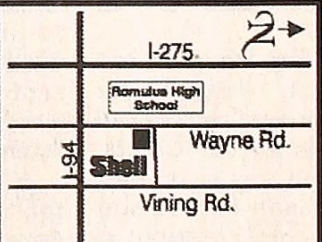
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Wayne whips Woodhaven, 90-70

Webber, Drennen are double-event winners

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After three previously unsuccessful attempts of breaking into the Mega-Conference, Red Division dual meet victory column, Wayne Memorial broke the ice - and water - with a lopsided 90-70 triumph over Woodhaven on Thursday.

Coach Mike Gruber's swimmers produced two double-event winners in Chris Webber and Andre Drennen. Wayne also swept all of the relay events.

"We needed a victory to help build some confidence," said Gruber later. "After losing three in the conference, a victory was welcomed."

Webber's contributions included a first place in the 100-meter freestyle, an event he won in 52.68. He also led the pack to the wall in the 50-meter freestyle. The winning time was posted as 24.28.

Drennen chipped in the 200-meter freestyle event as he covered the distance in 2:02.0, while he also was first in the 100-meter butterfly, posting a 1:05.17 in the event for his win.

Wayne's Josh Raub captured a first in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:07.8), while teammate Kyle Scott turned in a 2:15.80 to win the 200-meter individual medley.

Wayne also captured a first in the 100-meter backstroke where Matt Feamster coasted to a 1:02.2 finish.

However, earlier in the week, Wayne had its problems swimming against a fine-tuned Monroe machine which breezed past its Mega-Red opponent, 108-78. Wayne managed to salvage two first places thanks to Raub, who won the 100-meter breast-

stroke in 1:09.3 and its 200-meter freestyle relay.

Coach Gruber picked Scott, Brad Chiasson, Drennen and Feamster as his foursome for the event. The quartet combined for a 1:39.05 victory.

It will not be easy this week for the Wayne swimmers. They were at home to a traditionally powerful Dearborn on Tuesday, then will host Belleville on Thursday. Belleville has several Mega-Conference swimming & diving championship trophies in their display case.

Plymouth-Canton pins Walled Lake Central

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It was a dual meet that pitted two of the finest high school wrestling teams in the Western Lakes Conference on the mats this season.

Both teams wrestled with determination and skill as reflected by the results - 11 of the 14 weight classes ended in falls or technical falls.

And when the wrestling was over, the injury-plagued Canton Chiefs managed to walk of the mats with a hard-fought 44-34 victory over Central.

"We were really up for this one," pointed out Canton coach John Demsick. "We took the lead with the opening match at 145 and never gave up the lead."

Walled Lake Central had five falls, and one major decision in the end, but the Chiefs had one more fall, six, and one technical fall, and one decision, giving the winners the finish they needed to go over the top.

"Our guys were ready to wrestle this one as a team," said the Canton coach. "Richard Demsick, our new varsity man at 145, started things off by wrestling one of Central's better seniors."

Richard, coming back from an injury sustained a year ago, took a 15-8 lead before pinning his opponent in 5:47.

Teammates were overjoyed to have Demsick back in the lineup.

Then, Jimmy Kral stepped into an open spot and pinned his opponent in 4:40.

"When guys on the team step up like that it lifts the whole team up," said Coach Demsick.

The Chiefs also received outstanding performances from Doy Demsick and Phil Rothwell.

Doy Demsick became the first Canton grappler to amass 125 career wins for the Chiefs. Rothwell ran up his season's record to a phenomenal 34-0.

On a different note, Coach Dem-

sick pointed out that "We've had some ups and downs this season. One of them is the season-ending injury to one of our captains Greg Musser. He had just established a new record of 120 wins, passing up the previous school record of alumnus Kyle Pitt who had 119 wins."

Demsick said that Musser's presence in the lineup will be missed, "but he (Musser) is still playing a major role on the team."

"I know he has gained a lot from wrestling, and we have sure gained from having him around."

Plymouth Canton 44, Walled Lake Central 34

- 145 - Richard Demsick (PC) pinned Dan Childs (WLC), 5:47
- 152 - Mike Siegristi (PC) won by a technical fall over David Vidlund (WLC), 17-2
- 160 - Mark Stewart (WLC) won by a major dec. over Mike Bonner (PC), 13-3
- 171 - Casey White (WLC) won by a fall over Tim Larsen (PC), 1:48
- 189 - Shahein Rajae (PC) won by a fall over Mark Ruggies (WLC), 3:56
- 215 - Jimmy Kral (PC) won by a fall over Nick David (WLC), 4:40
- Hwt. - Phil Rothwell (PC) won by a decision over Brent Lange (WLC), 5-0
- 103 - Roy Setsuda (WLC) won by a fall over Steve Hogg (PC), 5:33
- 112 - WLC won by a fall over Corey Breitmeyer (PC), 0:46
- 119 - Rob Schnettler (PC) won by a fall over Mike Bell (WLC), 0:49
- 125 - Chris Ferrari (WLC) won by fall over Dustin Arner (PC), 3:35
- 130 - Doy Demsick (PC) won by fall over Braden Mathis (WLC), 1:34
- 135 - Craig Aubrey (WLC) won by a fall over Derek Robinson (PC), 1:20
- 140 - Chris Hosey (PC) won by a fall over Ryan Dropiewski (WLC), 5:07

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY

Ordinance No. 02-05-02(2)

First reading of Ordinance. Second reading for adoption will be held at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held at 7:30 p.m. on February 19, 2002 in the Board Room, Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren by amending regulations pertaining to the OT, Offices Technology District.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Article XIV, OT, Offices Technology District is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety within the following sections:

SECTION 1: ARTICLE XIV, OT, OFFICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

- Section 14.01 Statement of Purpose
- Section 14.02 Permitted Uses
- Section 14.03 Permitted Uses with Special Approval
- Section 14.04 Prohibited Uses
- Section 14.05 Development Standards for All Permitted Uses in District
- Section 14.06 Area, Height and Placement Regulations

SECTION 2: ARTICLE XVII, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

SECTION 3: ARTICLE XVII, FOOTNOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

SECTION 4: ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 4.24B Wireless Communications Facilities

SECTION 5: CONFLICTS

SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting called and held on the _____ day of _____, 2002.

YEAS: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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Proposals must be received by February 26, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. Proposals will be opened publicly at 9:30 a.m.

A Pre-proposal meeting and tour of the facilities is scheduled for February 20, 2002 at 12:00 p.m. in room 223.

RFP documents can be obtained February 19, 2002 from the WC RESA - Building Services Department, contact Richard Crosby at (734) 334-1613.

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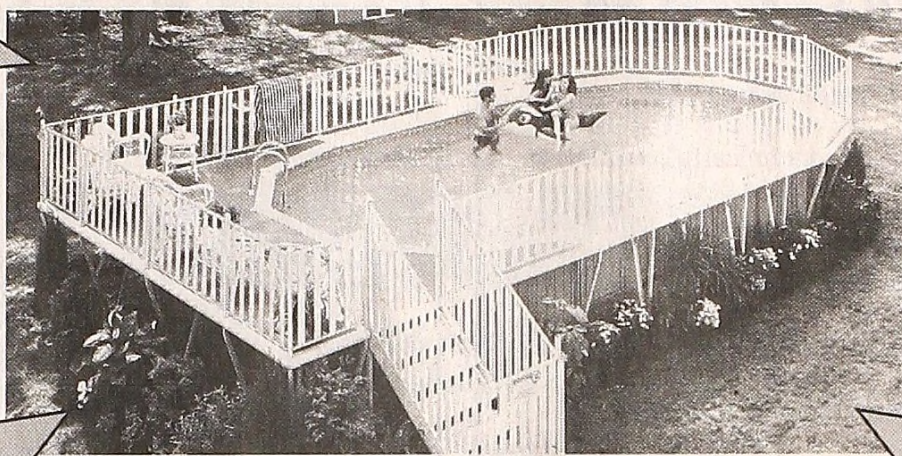
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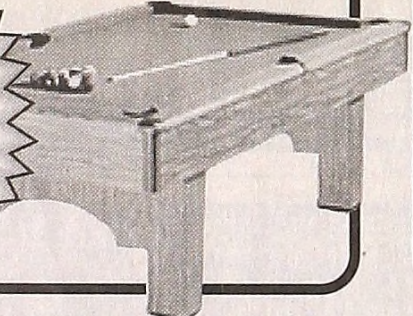
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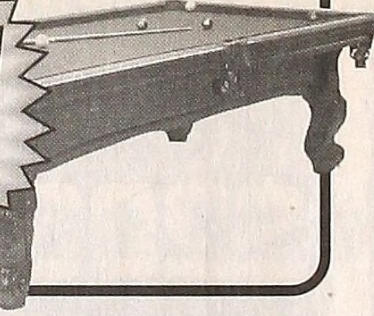


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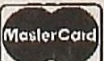
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